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Colonel-in-Chief

MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

**THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ADRIENNE CLARKSON, PC, CC, CMM,
COM, CD**

My Dear Patricias:

I am deeply honoured to provide the opening remarks for this year's Patrician. 2007 was a very memorable year. I was absolutely delighted to assume my duties as your Colonel-in-Chief and thank everyone for their kind words, wonderful hospitality and support.

I will begin my comments by thanking Lady Patricia for her service and her counsel. Lady Patricia served as Colonel-in-Chief for 33 years, travelling from England to visit with the Regiment 45 times. Over the course of her tenure she redefined the role of the Colonel-in-Chief, actively supporting PPCLI operations and training and establishing a close personal relationship with the Regiment that has no parallel. I was extremely happy to see this outstanding service and dedication formally acknowledged when Lady Patricia was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross by her Excellency the Governor General in August.

The Regiment remained focused on operations in Afghanistan. A Company from the Second Battalion and C Company from the Third Battalion bravely and selflessly upheld the Regiment's fine traditions of service and sacrifice under very trying circumstances. Sadly, nine Patricias were killed by improvised explosive devices in two separate incidents in June and July. I was very privileged to attend the repatriation ceremonies for these fine soldiers as they returned to Canada. These solemn rites were marked by quiet professionalism, dignity and compassion as the Regiment pulled together to support the families and friends of the fallen. The Regiment maintained its resolve in the face of these tragedies, successfully completing the mission and redoubling its efforts to prepare for future deployments.

I visited all of our Battalions over the course of the year. In March, I saw the First and Third Battalions in garrison. In April, when I attended the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, I attended Private Herbert Peterson's interment ceremony with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and, in September, I visited with the Second Battalion and the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team during their pre-deployment training in Wainwright. I was also fortunate to have the opportunity to visit with the Patricias serving in the Canadian Army's important training institutions. My visits to the French Grey Battalion, the Land Force Western Area Training Centre and the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre were very interesting and informative.

John and I thoroughly enjoyed the PPCLI Association's 60th Anniversary celebrations in Calgary in August. We were very happy to see so many Patricias come together to celebrate an important milestone. It was an excellent introduction to the Association and a terrific opportunity to visit with Patricias and their families and reminisce about the Regiment's accomplishments. I also enjoyed my visit with the Atlantic Branch at the end of September. I appreciated the memorial ceremonies held at each of these events to honour the memories of the Patricias who passed away and commemorate the important contributions made by the Regiment's veterans.

I am very proud of the Regiment's accomplishments over the past year and extremely grateful have the privilege to serve as your Colonel-in-Chief and support your important work. I look forward to the opportunity to sharing more experiences and deepening my relationship with the Regiment in the months and years ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Adrienne Clarkson
Colonel-in-Chief



Colonel of the Regiment

By any and all measures, 2007 was an extraordinary year for our Regiment. First and foremost was our success meeting our Afghan campaign tasks. A Company, Second Battalion and C Company, Third Battalion served with great distinction in Battle Groups based on battalions of The Royal Canadian Regiment. Additionally, numerous members of the Regiment served, often in action, in Afghanistan either as individuals or as soldiers with the Special Operation Forces Command.

Early in the year, Second Battalion formed a battle group, with soldiers from the Third Battalion and Reserve Force units across Western Canada, and began an intense year of preparation leading up to deployment in early 2008. The First Battalion trained an infantry company to provide force protection for the Provincial Reconstruction Team. Meanwhile, Third Battalion assembled and trained an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (OMLT) for deployment in 2008. This two hundred-soldier unit, largely consists of PPCLI troops reinforced by soldiers from other regiments and branches of the Canadian Forces. The OMLT's mission is to liaise with and support the operations and training of the Afghan Army Brigade in Kandahar province. The OMLT is made up of small teams that serve side-by-side with the Afghans starting at rifle company-level. The Afghans are brave soldiers who fight well, but they lack the essential support elements and training necessary for tactical success against the Taliban. The OMLT is intended to address these shortfalls.

During the year, a number of Patricias won gallantry awards or awards for notable service during operations. We are all proud that their gallantry and service have been recognized. Unfortunately, we sustained casualties with nine Patricias killed and several others wounded in action. Within the limits of our resources, we continue to support the families of our fallen. We also actively monitor the care and progress of our wounded as they recover.

While our focus was on operations and training, we also marked another first in our Regiment's history as we changed our Colonel in Chief. Changing our Colonel in Chief set a number of important precedents. The Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Lady Patricia to our Regimental family, our Colonel in Chief for almost thirty-three years felt that she was no longer capable of performing her duties in a manner acceptable to her. To that end, she sought and received permission to retire from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Colonels in Chief traditionally do not retire; their appointment is for life. The Regiment, conscious of Lady Patricia's desire to retire, began to search for a new Colonel in Chief. Lady Patricia supported this effort and it was decided that a Canadian lady would be the best candidate to serve as our third Colonel in Chief. The rest, as they say, is history. My predecessor, Major-General Robert Stewart, approached The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, our former Governor General and Commander in Chief, and asked if she would consider the appointment. Her response was both immediate and enthusiastic.

Madame Clarkson has a direct family link to our Regiment through her husband, Mr. John Ralston Saul. John, the noted author, is the son of Colonel William Saul, a Regimental officer. He grew up in the company of the Regiment's leaders, including the Founder, Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault. Mr. Saul's godfather was Brigadier Rowan Coleman, a PPCLI officer who won the Military Cross at Leonforte, later commanded the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Italy, and served as the President of the PPCLI Association from 1965-1970. With the demands of operational training, the Exercise CLOSE BATTLE professional development symposium was used to concentrate members of the Regiment in Edmonton for training in March. The training coincided with the planned handover between the Lady Patricia and Madame Clarkson. The handover took place on 17 March with guards and Colours from the three battalions and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment on parade. A series of highly successful and enjoyable social events involving all ranks took place before and after the parade to celebrate the handover. The Regiment was superbly supported throughout these activities by all levels of the Army, especially the members of the Edmonton-based units of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group and Land Force Western Area. The change of appointment handover concluded at the end of August when Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, presented the Meritorious Service Cross to Lady Patricia in recognition of her outstanding service to the Regiment and Canada and the PPCLI Association voted to appoint Madame Clarkson as their Patron. The 60th Anniversary marked another very important, and successful, milestone as over 400 Patricias, family and friends gathered in Calgary to commemorate the Regiment's accomplishments.

In the coming year, many of our soldiers will be in Afghanistan actively engaging a ruthless and resilient foe. I ask that you do whatever you can do to support them and their families while they are serving our country.

Brigadier-General J.E.L. Gollner (Retired)
Colonel of the Regiment

The Patrician 2007





MESSAGE FROM THE REGIMENTAL MAJOR MAJOR E.A. LIEBERT, CD

The theme of this year's Patrician is Service, Change and the Way Ahead. 2007 was a busy year. The Regiment continued its tradition of service, contributing rifle companies to support two Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) Battle Groups, supporting the expansion of Canadian Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team operations in Kandahar and working closely with headquarters, schools and training establishments to pass on the lessons learned in Afghanistan. The PPCLI Association continued its commitment to service, marking an important milestone when it celebrated 60 years of service to the Regiment and Canada. 2007 was also a year of change and transition. This was particularly true when the Regiment celebrated the change of its Colonel-in-Chief. 2007 was also a year of preparation and anticipation, as the Regiment prepared to mount another

major deployment to Afghanistan. Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry is still fighting a war against a ruthless and determined opponent. Fortunately, the Regiment remains committed to ensuring that its soldiers are prepared for the challenges they will face overseas.

The Regiment's focus remains on Afghanistan and the challenge of promoting security, governance and development in the face of an insurgency and the cumulative effects of thirty years of armed conflict. A Company from the Second Battalion and C Company from the Third Battalion served with consecutive RCR Task Forces in Afghanistan. Both of these companies enthusiastically embraced the challenge they were given and worked hard to improve conditions in their area of operations. This was not an easy undertaking. Sadly, the Regiment was reminded of the dangers inherent in this mission when nine brave Patricias from C Company were killed by Improvised Explosive Devices in two separate incidents on 20 June and 4 July 2007.

The highlight of the year was the Colonel-in-Chief change of appointment ceremonies. The Regiment's attention turned to Edmonton in March when Lady Patricia formally relinquished her appointment and Madame Clarkson assumed her new duties and responsibilities as our new Colonel-in-Chief. All three Patricia Battalions, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and the Old Guard paraded with their colours to bid farewell to Lady Patricia and welcome Madame Clarkson to the Regiment. The final stage in the handover process occurred in August when Lady Patricia was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross by Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean to recognize her 33 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Regiment and Canada. Over 400 members of the PPCLI Association gathered in Calgary to pay their respects to Lady Patricia and welcome Madame Clarkson as their new Patron.

Attention shifted back to Afghanistan in the fall as the Regiment prepared Task Force 1-08 for overseas operations. This was a Regimental undertaking, with all three Patricia Battalions and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment contributing soldiers to the Second Battalion Battle Group, the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, and the Provincial Reconstruction Team. Patricias also played a leading role in designing the challenging field training exercises used to prepare these soldiers for the challenges they will face in Afghanistan. This issue of the Patrician is dedicated to everyone who contributed to this effort.



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MWO T.P. Power – APPOINTED AS A MEMBER.

Medal of Military Valour

Capt M.J. Reekie – FOR VALOUR, WHILE HE CARRIED OUT VALIANT ACTIONS DURING AN INTENSE FIREFIGHT WITH TALIBAN INSURGENTS. DISPLAYING SUPERB JUDGEMENT, HE ASSESSED THE CHANGING TACTICAL SITUATION AND REPOSITIONED HIS VEHICLE TO MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE, ENABLING THE SUCCESSFUL INTERCEPTION AND DEFEAT OF A NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCE, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT BATTLE GROUP, TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 19 AUGUST 2006; and

Maj M.C. Wright – FOR VALOUR, DEMONSTRATING OUTSTANDING COURAGE AND EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP IN COMBAT. WHILE ENGAGED AND ENCIRCLED BY A SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER ENEMY FORCE, HE REFUSED REINFORCEMENTS FOR SAFETY REASONS, HE LED HIS EMBATTLED FORCE TO OUTMANOEUVER THE ENEMY, INFLECTING SERIOUS ENEMY CASUALTIES. HIS COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP LED TO THE DEFEAT OF A MUCH LARGER ENEMY FORCE WITHOUT A SINGLE CANADIAN FORCES CASUALTY, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT BATTLE GROUP, TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN 19 AUGUST 2006.

Mention in Dispatches

Capt H.L. Atwell – WHILE COMMANDING 7 PLATOON, CHARLIE COMPANY IN 2006 AT FORWARD OPERATING BASE ROBINSON, AFGHANISTAN, LED HIS PLATOON THROUGHOUT AN INTENSE AND SUSTAINED ATTACK FROM A NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCE, DESPITE SUSTAINING MULTIPLE AND SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES; AND A MONTH LATER ENGAGED AND DEFEATED AN APPROACHING ENEMY FORCE PREVENTING AN AMBUSH;

Capt L.J. Mossop – WHILE DEPLOYED AS THE MENTOR TO THE COMPANY COMMANDER OF 3RD COMPANY, 2ND KANDAK, 1ST BRIGADE, 205TH CORPS OF THE AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY (ANA), DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, COMPOSURE AND RESILIENCE UNDER FIRE THAT INSPIRED THE ANA SOLDIERS TO SUCCESSFULLY WARD OFF ALL ENEMY ACTION;

Sgt B.V. Adams – FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE UNDER FIRE WHILE DEPLOYED WITH ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT BATTLE GROUP IN AFGHANISTAN. ON AUGUST 19, 2006, DURING AN INTENSE 12 HOUR FIREFIGHT WITH THE TALIBAN INSURGENTS IN MASUM GHAR, HE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVE PERIMETER SECURITY AND COORDINATED THE EXTRACTION AND RECOVERY OF AN OVERTURNED LIGHT ARMoured VEHICLE AS WELL AS THE SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWAL OF HIS PLATOON. HIS COMPOSURE AND PERSONAL EFFORTS UNDER HOSTILE CONDITIONS INSTILLED THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE IN HIS PLATOON, WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION;



Sgt D.J. Holley –

FOR SERVICE WITH ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT BATTLE GROUP, IN AFGHANISTAN. ON AUGUST 19, 2006, DURING AN ENGAGEMENT WITH TALIBAN FORCES IN MASUM GHAR, THE LIGHT ARMoured VEHICLE IN WHICH HE WAS THE GUNNER CAME UNDER INTENSE FIRE FROM A NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCE. DURING A THREE HOUR BATTLE, HE EFFECTIVELY ENGAGED THE ENEMY WITH HIS VEHICLE'S WEAPONS SYSTEMS, WHILE PROVIDING STRONG LEADERSHIP AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO HIS LESS EXPERIENCED CREW. HIS ACTIONS ENABLED THEM TO SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND THE REAR FLANK OF A FRIENDLY POSITION, SAVING THE LIVES OF NUMEROUS CANADIAN AND AFGHAN SOLDIERS;

MCpl C.
Fernandez-Ledon –

WHILE SERVING AS THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND OF 2 SECTION, 7 PLATOON, CHARLIE COMPANY AT FORWARD OPERATING BASE ROBINSON, DURING A LARGE ENEMY ATTACK ON THE BASE, SHOWED GREAT PROFESSIONALISM AND LEADERSHIP BY MANOUVERING INTO A TACTICAL POSITION TO REINFORCE THE BASE AND HOLD OFF THE ENEMY'S REPEATED ATTACKS; AND A MONTH LATER LED HIS PLATOON TO ENGAGE AND SUCCESSFULLY DEFEAT AN ENEMY FORCE PREPARING AN AMBUSH;

Cpl W.J. Elliott –

ON AUGUST 19, 2006, CPL ELLIOTT OF ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT BATTLE GROUP, WAS A CREW MEMBER OF A LIGHT ARMoured VEHICLE DURING AN ENGAGEMENT WITH NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR TALIBAN FORCES IN MASUM GHAR. DURING THE THREE HOUR FIREFIGHT, HE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED THE ENEMY, SKILFULLY CONDUCTED AMMUNITION UPLOADS AND PREVENTED A POTENTIAL "FRIENDLY FIRE" INCIDENT WITH AN AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCE VEHICLE. UNDER ENEMY FIRE, HE SUBSEQUENTLY DISMOUNTED HIS VEHICLE TO ASSIST IN THE RECOVERY OF ANOTHER LIGHT ARMoured VEHICLE. HIS COURAGEOUS AND SKILFUL ACTIONS HELPED TO PREVENT TALIBAN FORCES FROM OUTFLANKING THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY AND UNDOUBTEDLY SAVED NUMEROUS LIVES.

Cpl N.J. Gregg –

ON AUGUST 19, 2006, CORPORAL GREGG OF ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT BATTLE GROUP, WAS A CREW MEMBER OF A LIGHT ARMoured VEHICLE DURING AN ENGAGEMENT WITH NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR TALIBAN FORCES IN MASUM GHAR. DURING THE THREE HOUR FIREFIGHT, HE CONTINUOUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY ENGAGED THE ENEMY WITH HIS PERSONAL WEAPON, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ACTING AS LOADER FOR THE VEHICLE'S PRIMARY AMMUNITION BIN. UNDER ENEMY FIRE, HE SUBSEQUENTLY DISMOUNTED HIS VEHICLE TO ASSIST IN THE RECOVERY OF ANOTHER LIGHT ARMoured VEHICLE. CORPORAL GREGG'S COURAGEOUS AND SKILFUL ACTIONS HELPED TO PREVENT TALIBAN FORCES FROM OUTFLANKING THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY AND UNDOUBTEDLY SAVED NUMEROUS LIVES;

Pte T.D. Wilkins –

ON AUGUST 19, 2006, PTE WILKINS OF ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT BATTLE GROUP, WAS A CREW MEMBER OF A LIGHT ARMoured VEHICLE DURING AN ENGAGEMENT WITH NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR TALIBAN FORCES IN MASUM GHAR. DURING THE THREE HOUR FIREFIGHT, HE EFFECTIVELY EMPLOYED THE VEHICLE'S GENERAL PURPOSE MACHINE GUN TO SUPPRESS A GROUP OF ENEMY FIGHTERS ON ONE SIDE OF THE VEHICLE



Pte T.D. Wilkins (cont) – HE ALSO PROVIDED ACCURATE AND VALUABLE TARGETING INFORMATION TO THE VEHICLE'S TURRET CREW. PTE WILKIN'S SKILFUL ACTIONS HELPED TO PREVENT THE TALIBAN FORCES FROM OUTFLANKING THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY AND UNDOUBTEDLY SAVED NUMEROUS LIVES; and

Cpl D.A. Lynch – WHILE SERVING IN 7 PLATOON, CHARLIE COMPANY IN 2006 AT FORWARD OPERATING BASE ROBINSON, AFGHANISTAN, WHILE UNDER ENEMY FIRE AND WITH NO COVER, MANOUEVERED WITH HIS SECTION INTO A TACTICAL POSITION TO REINFORCE THE BASE. DESPITE SUSTAINING A BULLET WOUND TO HIS LEG, HE CONTINUED TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY. AFTER THE ENEMY WAS SUCCUSSFULLY REPELLED, AND WITH TOTAL DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN INJURIES, HE ASSISTED WITH CASUALTY CARE AND EVACUATION.

Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division)

Lady Patricia, The Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma -

FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE REGIMENT AND TO THE CANADIAN FORCES FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. SHE MADE COUNTLESS VISITS TO SOLDIERS IN GARRISONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND IN THE FIELD, INCLUDING VISITS TO BATTALIONS SERVING ON OVERSEAS OPERATIONS IN GERMANY, CYPRUS, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA AND KOSOVO. AS COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, SHE SERVED AS AN IMPORTANT ROLE MODEL AND ACTIVELY PROMOTED THE REGIMENT. LADY PATRICIA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT HAS BEEN AN INVALUABLE INSPIRATION TO THE SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND HAS BROUGHT GREAT CREDIT TO THE CANADIAN FORCES AND TO CANADA; and

Maj P.D. Hess-Von Kruedener – (Posthumous) FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY WHILE SERVING AT A UNITED NATIONS OBSERVATION POST IN THE KHJAM AREA OF SOUTHERN LEBANON. KNOWING HE COULD NOT BE EVACUATED, HE STEADFASTLY MAINTAINED HIS POSITION WHILE REPORTING THE SITUATION AS IT PRESENTED ITSELF, UNTIL HIS UNTIMELY DEATH ON 25 JULY 2006.

Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

LCol S.A. Brennan – WHILE COMMANDING JOINT TASK FORCE LEBANON, THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR THE FACILITATED DEPARTURE OF SOME 15,000 CANADIANS FROM LEBANON DURING THE CONFLICT OF JULY 2006. MOULDING A DISPARATE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS AND SUB-UNITS INTO ONE COHESIVE AND EFFECTIVE TEAM, HE QUICKLY BROUGHT ORDER TO A MONUMENTAL TASK, RESULTING IN A SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION OF CANADIANS FROM ACTIVE CONFLICT;

LCol B.M. Southern – AS THE FIRST COMMANDER OF TASK FORCE JERUSALEM FROM 16 MAY 2005 TO 11 AUGUST 2006. HIS CONFIDENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY TO TRANSLATE STRATEGIC INTENT INTO OPERATIONAL EFFECTS WERE ESSENTIAL TO ADVISING THE UNITED STATES SECURITY COORDINATOR AND SENIOR PALENSTINIAN AUTHORITIES ON SECURITY SECTOR REFORM;

Maj M.C. Wright – FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY. HE RESPONDED TO THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE OF BEING IN CONSTANT CONTACT



Maj M.C. Wright (cont) – WITH THE ENEMY, AND SUCCESSFULLY PLANNED AND EXECUTED MANY COMPANY AND COMBAT TEAM-LEVEL OPERATIONS WHILE DEPLOYED AS OFFICER COMMANDING ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT BATTLE GROUP, TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, AUGUST 2006 TO FEBRUARY 2007; and

CWO S.S. Bartlett – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM WHILE SERVING AS THE REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR OF TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN ROTATION 0, FROM AUGUST 2005 TO MARCH 2006. HIS EXCELLENT SOLDIER SKILLS, SOUND ADVICE TO HIS COMMANDER AND IMPRESSIVE ABILITY TO ADDRESS THE SOLDIERS' NEEDS WERE INSTRUMENTAL TO THE TASK FORCE'S SUCCESS THROUGHOUT THE MAIN TACTICAL EFFORT IN KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN.

Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation

CWO
E. Hansen (Ret'd) – FOR HIS DEEP LOYALTY AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PPCLI.

Chief of Defence Staff Commendation

Maj S.B. Carr – FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION AS THE LEAD PLANNER FOR REGIONAL COMMAND SOUTH HEADQUARTERS, JOINT TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER 2006;

Maj R.D. Raymond – FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION AS OFFICER COMMANDING, REAR PARTY, 1 PPCLI EDMONTON, JANUARY TO AUGUST 2006;

Capt T.E. McClure – FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION WHEN PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL CASUALTY ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT TO THE FAMILIES OF INJURED AND DECEASED 3 PPCLI SOLDIERS FROM 2004 TO 2006;

Capt A. Turco – FOR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF CANADIAN FORCES RECRUITING DETACHMENT NORTH BAY, ON.

MWO A.B. Corbett – FOR PROFESSIONALISM WHILE LEADING THE DANGEROUS RESCUE OF A TRAPPER WHO HAD BROKEN THROUGH THIN ICE OF A REMOTE LAKE NEAR BARHEAD, AB ON 8 NOVEMBER 2003; and

MWO D.I. Reid – FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION AS COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR, REAR PARTY, 1 PPCLI EDMONTON, JANUARY TO AUGUST 2006.

Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service

The Mayor & Town of Folkestone, Kent, UK –

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Sgt D. MacKenzie;
Sgt T.W. Perry;
Cpl J.E. Forth; and
Cpl C. Score.



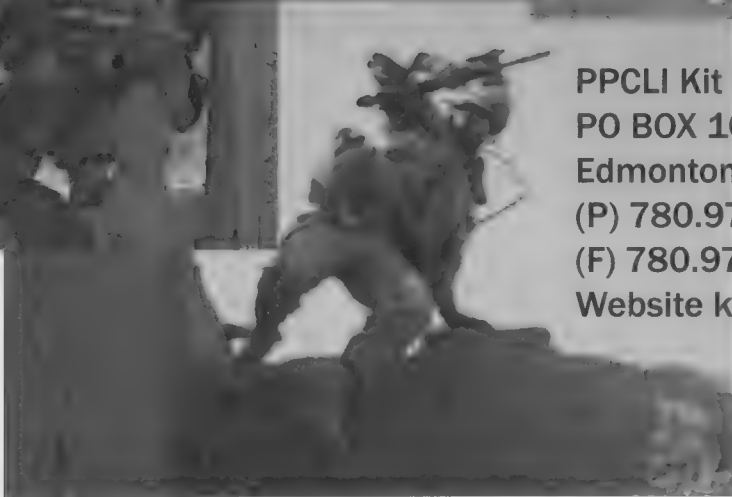
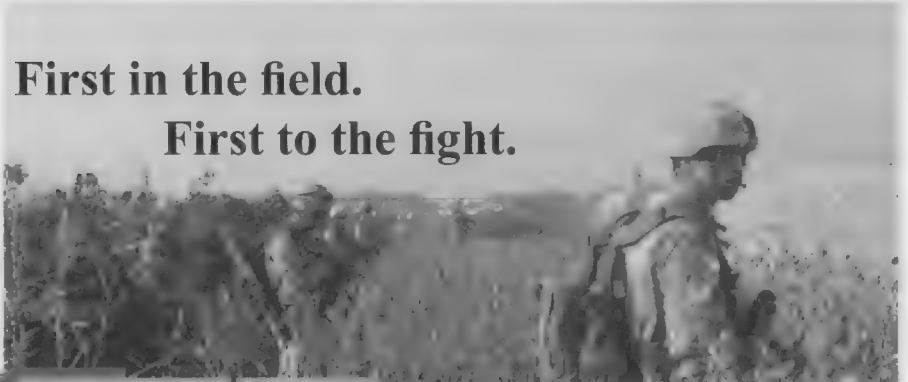
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THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

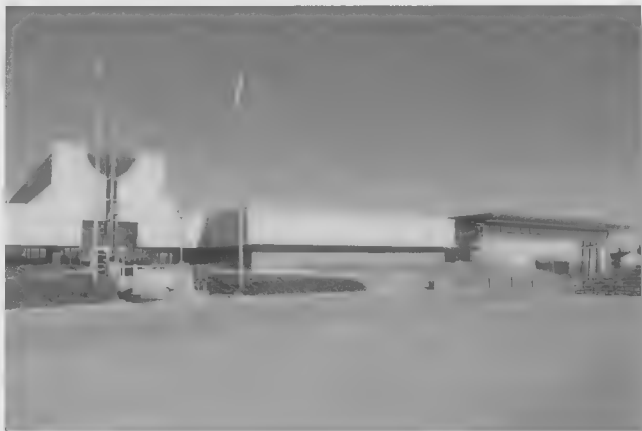
The Regimental Museum and Archives

By Lt Zivkow SA

Greetings from The Military Museums. It has been a busy year, not only with the amount of visitors coming down to the PPCLI Gallery, but also with the expansion of the museum itself. The museum will be recognized as a tri-service museum because the Air Force and Navy museums of Alberta are moving into the newly-built addition. This will draw a new crowd of visitors to see all the changes being incorporated into the combined establishment.

With this being said, like all good military plans, Phase 2 of the project is underway. This will see the existing office space and archives being moved to the new addition, and the old space being renovated. What does this do for the PPCLI museum staff? It will give us more room for storage and, a better set-up to properly record and preserve artefacts donated to the regiment. The only drawback is the temporary office space for the operations side of the house. With the reduced space, several items (Regimental history documents) have to be placed in the basement, which will cause minor delays in responding to requests for information.

Over the past year, the Acting Curator for the PPCLI Gallery, WO Ron Gallant, has been busy ensuring forecasted repairs to the Gallery are being dealt with in a timely manner including, applying for grants to assist in the funding of museum projects. Sgt Bruce Graham, the Archivist for the PPCLI Gallery, a Senior NCO who wears several hats, has been busy logging in new artefacts almost daily and constantly watching every auction site across the globe to see if any historic PPCLI artefacts come up for sale. This might seem like an easy task; however, if it's a historic item that belongs in our museum and, the bid is due at 3 AM....



Another, recent change saw Capt Rick Dumas selected for the OMLT TF 1-08 and hastily deployed for the tour. Lt Steve Zivkow is holding down the museum side of the house until Rick's return. Future changes to the PPCLI Gallery are in the planning stages. Some of the equipment and displays will be changed to enhance the Gallery's appeal. Other additions, including an Afghanistan display will soon be up and running. The

Museum needs your support to develop the Regiment's displays. The staff are looking for information, photos and artefacts to improve the Afghanistan and Balkans displays. Don't throw out your old tour FMP's, badges, maps, tee shirts (cool tour stuff). Donate it to the museum. Include your stuff as a part of the PPCLI history! Please don't mail yourself....

From all the museum staff, thanks for all your support.



REGIMENTAL VETERANS CARE



With this being our first year in existence, we managed to survive the steep learning curve and actually keep our feet on the ground. For those of you who may not be aware, the Regiment established the "Regimental Veterans Care (RVC) Cell" in the fall of 2006, to assist the growing number of injured and wounded soldiers returning from operations.

The RVC Cell currently consists of two NCOs within the framework of the Regimental Headquarters (RHQ), whose task it is to provide a link between our wounded and the Chain of Command (COC). By establishing this link, MCpl Monty Robson and WO Pete Palmer are expected to keep the Regiment's leaders advised on the condition of our wounded, and help

identify any lapses in support to them. Conversely, by staying in touch with these soldiers, we are responsible for providing them accurate information to ensure they can take full advantage of all support agencies, both within the Canadian Forces (CF) and those external to the CF. This also means we have to stay current on what each support element provides, and the numerous changes to CF Policy dealing with the care of the wounded. We do this by meeting with the key personnel from agencies such as: Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), Operational Stress Injury Social Support (OSISS), Director of Casualty Support and Management (DCSM), Service Income Security Insurance Plan (SISIP), and CF Medical Case Managers, to name a few, in order to keep abreast of what is available and policy changes. Similarly, by participating in events such as the Casualty Support Lessons Learned Symposium and a variety of Medical Transition Working Groups, we are able to provide a "soldiers" perspective to the CF Health Services.

When we began our work in the RVC Cell, we commonly dealt with injured soldiers who had little knowledge of the CF Medical Services. We are pleased to report that the situation is improving. Most of the soldiers who deployed to Afghanistan received training on what happens when a soldier is wounded on the battlefield. We are working hard to ensure our soldiers have access to the information and services they need.

I would like to sign off with this final message, just as every soldier's individual actions make a difference on the battlefield, so to can their actions make a difference here at home. By passing on the word that care is available, and ensuring that no soldier should suffer in silence, we can help each other and avoid needless suffering. If we don't know that a soldier needs our help, we can't do anything about it! Just as we support each other during operations, we must support our injured/ wounded with their recovery. The COC will "do the right thing" if they are asked, so please encourage those that may be in need of help to step forward and seek it! If the Regiment didn't care, then there wouldn't be an RVC Cell. We are here so please let us help!

The Regimental Veterans Care Cell can be reached by phone at CSN 528-5546 or by (780) 973-4011 ext 5546. We are located within the RHQ offices, which are located at the Northwest corner of the G.G. Brown Building (the 1 PPCLI Building), at Edmonton Garrison.



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PPCLI REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Regiment established a Regional Representative structure in 2006 to improve career management, succession planning and casualty support. The Regional Representatives are members of the Regimental Executive Committee. PPCLI personnel serving outside of the Battalions and the LFWA Training Centre are represented by:

British Columbia, Alberta (less Edmonton), and The North -

Edmonton (serving outside of 1 and 3 PPCLI) -

Saskatchewan and Manitoba -

Ontario/OUTCAN Captains and Majors (less Ottawa and CANSOFCOM) -

Ontario NCMs (less Ottawa and CANSOFCOM) -

Ottawa (less CANSOFCOM)/Quebec -

CANSOFCOM -

French Grey Battalion/Maritimes -

LCol M.B. Bruce/CWO R.W. McNaughton

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Col M.J. Beaudette

Maj T.M. Wilson/CWO S.S. Bartlett

RETIREMENTS



The following soldiers of the Regiment have taken their retirement after 20 years (more than 20 years is indicated) of dedicated and loyal service:

The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Lady Patricia Brabourne CBE, MSC, CD, JP, DL (33 yrs)

BGen G.W. Nordick, OMM, MSC, CD (35 yrs)

Col P.B. Stogran, MSC, CD (31 yrs)

LCol I. Hunt, CD (29 yrs)

LCol W. Moxley, CD (32 yrs)

LCol C. Trollope, CD (23 yrs)

Maj M. Beztilny, CD (36 yrs)

Maj D. Brister, CD

Maj S. Gibson, CD

Capt R. Ascah, CD (35 yrs)

Capt K. Murphy, CD (25 yrs)

CWO A. Comeau, MSC, CD (35 yrs)

MWO A. Cromwell, CD (35 yrs)

MWO D. Hitchcock, CD (26 yrs)

MWO D. MacDonald, CD (27 yrs)

MWO A. Meier, CD (26 yrs)

MWO J. Thurston, CD (37 yrs)

MWO K. Zack, CD (37 yrs)

WO C. Caddick, CD

WO A. Coakwell, CD

WO A. Cooper, CD

WO J. Kennedy, CD (30 yrs)

WO K. Linville, CD (26 yrs)

WO J. Rheame, CD (23 yrs)

WO J. Vigue, CD, (34 yrs)

Sgt W. Aitken, CD

Sgt R. Chilton, CD (23 yrs)

Sgt D. Gartry, CD (22 yrs)

Sgt A. Mullick (24 yrs)

Sgt C. Reid, CD

Sgt A. Sanger, CD

Sgt R. Sargent, CD (26 yrs)

Sgt K. Stevens, CD

Sgt L. Stewart, CD (24 yrs)

Sgt J. Williams, CD

Cpl J. Langlois, CD (25 yrs)

Cpl K. Merritt, CD (26 yrs)

Cpl Schroeder, CD (25 yrs)

Cpl R. Hollingsworth, CD (25 yrs)



**Lady Patricia Retires after 33 Years of Service to
the Regiment**



BASIC INFANTRYMAN QUALIFICATION

Regular Force Basic Infantryman Qualification (BIQ) Serials. Bracketed dates indicate graduation

BIQ 0094 (26 January)

Course Officer Lt B.J. Richard Course 2IC WO Rob Rheaume

Award Winners

Sergeant Robert Spall Pte N.A. Dauphinee
 Top Shot Pte N.A. Dauphinee
 Most Physically Fit Pte T.W.E. Reid
 Most Improved Pte J. Thompson

BIQ 0095 (9 February)

Course Officer Lt Dustin Macleod Course 2IC Sgt Neil Conners

Award Winners

Sergeant Robert Spall Pte Josh Coulter
 Top Shot Pte Sean Blyth
 Most Physically Fit Pte Richard Stratton
 Most Improved Pte Ben Wiebe

BIQ 0097 (26 March)

Course Officer Lt Tyler Wentzell Course 2IC WO Joe Barkley

Award Winners

Sergeant Robert Spall Pte Scott Blakeston
 Top Shot Pte Scott Ellis
 Most Physically Fit Pte Scott Ellis
 Most Improved Pte Jeffrey Boitson

BIQ 0098 (8 June)

Course Officer Lt Mike MacKillop Course 2IC WO William Macdonald

Award Winners

Sergeant Robert Spall Pte Andy St Laurent
 Top Shot Pte Joshua Meyer
 Most Physically Fit Pte Demis Cory
 Most Improved Pte David Banks

BIQ 0111 (10 August)

Course Officer Lt John Hagmeyer Course 2IC Sgt Sheridan Ellingson

Award Winners

Sergeant Robert Spall Pte Andrew Skelhorn
 Top Shot Pte David Debouter
 Most Physically Fit Pte Michael Roberts
 Most Improved Pte Daniel Nadasdy

BIQ 0112 (17 August)

Course Officer Lt Andrew Kang Course 2IC Sgt Jeremy Silver

Award Winners

Sergeant Robert Spall Pte Scott Carlyle
 Top Shot Pte Edward Tsoi
 Most Physically Fit Pte Matthew Driedger
 Most Improved Pte Daniel Golding

BIQ 0115 (13 December)

Course Officer Lt Steven Zivkow Course 2IC WO Chris Doucet

Award Winners

Sergeant Robert Spall Pte Brian Makela
 Top Shot Pte Martino Skinulis
 Most Physically Fit Pte Eric Lamontagne
 Most Improved Pte Marc Olchoway

FALLEN PATRICIAS



Three soldiers from C Company, 3 PPCLI died on active service in Afghanistan on the morning of Wednesday, 20 June 2007. Sergeant Christos Karigiannis, Corporal Stephen Frederick Bouzane and Private Joel Vincent Wiebe were killed when the Gator light logistics vehicle they were traveling in struck an improvised explosive device as they were moving supplies between two checkpoints in Panjwayi District west of Kandahar City.



Sgt Christos Karigiannis was born on September 20th, 1975 in Montreal, Quebec. As a youngster, he initially demonstrated an interest in the military when he joined the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, where he obtained his private pilot license in 1993. Following that, he remained active in the Air Cadet movement and eventually joined the Cadet Instructor Cadre. Eventually, he decided to enlist in the Regular Force, land component, on August 15th, 1997. After completing basic training, he was posted to 1 PPCLI in Calgary, AB. He deployed on two tours of duty to Kosovo and Bosnia before being posted to 3 PPCLI in June 2003. At 3 PPCLI he was part of A Company (Parachute), Reconnaissance Platoon, and C Company (Parachute), with whom he deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, as part of Task Force 1-07. He was qualified Basic Parachutist, U.S. Army Ranger, Military Freefall Parachutist, Basic Mountain Operations, Rappel Master, and Drop Zone Controller, to name a few. Christos is remembered as a quiet professional and a very good friend to all those

who knew him. He died while on duty in the province of Kandahar on June 20th, 2007. He is survived by his mother Niki, and his two brothers Peter and Spiro.



Cpl Stephen Bouzane was born on March 21st, 1981 in Springdale, Newfoundland, but grew up in Toronto. He enlisted in the Regular Force, land component, on June 4th, 2003. After completing basic training, he was posted to 3 PPCLI in Edmonton, AB, where he was employed as a rifleman with C Company (Parachute), with whom he deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, as part of Task Force 1-07. He was qualified Basic Mountain Operations, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, Infantry Platoon Support Weapons, and LUVW driver, among others. Stephen had no relatives in Edmonton, but had many good friends amongst C Company and the Battalion. He died while on duty in the province of Kandahar on June 20th, 2007. He is survived by his parents Moureen and Fred, as well as his sister, Kelly.



Pte Joel Wiebe was born on June 21st, 1984 in Edmonton, Alberta. He enlisted in the Regular Force, land component, on September 30th, 2004. After completing basic training, he was posted to 3 PPCLI in Edmonton, AB, where he was employed as a rifleman with C Company (Parachute), with whom he deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, as part of Task Force 1-07. He was qualified Basic Mountain Operations, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, and Infantry Platoon Support Weapons. Joel is remembered as having a great sense of humour, which could always lighten the mood of his comrades, especially when the going was tough. He died while on duty in the province of Kandahar on June 20th, 2007. He is survived by his widow, Anna, his mother, Sherry, and his father, Joe.



FALLEN PATRICIAS

Six more PPCLI soldiers were killed in Afghanistan on Wednesday, 4 July 2007 as they returned from a joint operation with the Afghan National Police in Panjwayi District, approximately 20 kilometres west of Kandahar City. These soldiers were serving with C Company, 3 PPCLI when they were killed. Captain Matthew Jonathan Dawe, Captain Jefferson Francis (a fire effects officer from 1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery who was serving with C Company), Master Corporal Colin Stuart Francis Bason (a reservist from the Royal Westminster Regiment who was serving with C Company), Corporal Jordan James Anderson, Corporal Cole Daniel Bartsch, and Private Lane William Thomas Watkins were killed when the RG-31 armoured vehicle they were riding in struck an improvised explosive device. An Afghan language assistant was also killed.



Captain Matthew Jonathan Dawe enrolled in the Regular Force on 16 June 1999, after having served two years with the Princess of Wales Own Regiment in Kingston. He attended the Royal Military College where he earned a degree in Civil Engineering and became the Cadet Wing Senior, the highest position awarded to cadets, in his final year. On completion of his Infantry Officer Training he was posted to the Third Battalion (3 PPCLI), where he was employed as a Platoon Commander in C Company (the parachute company). He deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan as part of Task Force 1-07 as a rifle platoon commander. This was his first overseas mission. His qualifications included Basic Parachutist, Basic Mountain Operations, and Drop Zone Controller. Captain Dawe came from a notable PPCLI family. He died while on duty in the province of Kandahar on 4 July 2007. He was buried in the Military Section of the Catarauqui Cemetery in Kingston, Ontario on Saturday, 14 July 2007.

Captain Dawe is survived by his wife Tara, their two-year old son Lucas, his father Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Dawe (Retired), and his mother Mrs. Reine Dawe. Captain Dawe was the youngest of four brothers (including Peter Jr., Philip, and James) who have proudly served the Regiment.



Captain Jefferson Clifford Francis was born Remembrance Day, 11 November 1970, in Oromocto, NB. He grew up in Halifax, NS. He completed a B.A. (Honours) in Mass Communications in 1997 and a M.A. in Canadian Studies in 1999, both from Carleton University. He completed the greater part of a Ph.D. in Sociology before deciding on a change of career, and enrolled in the Canadian Forces under the Direct Entry program in September 2001. Captain Francis graduated from DP 1 Mod 2 (Phase IV) Artillery training on 12 August 2004 as the top student on the course. He was posted to C Battery, 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1 RCHA) in Shilo, Mb and earned his parachute wings in November 2004. Captain Francis was promoted to his current rank in January 2005. Captain Francis was an outstanding officer who had trained his team and himself hard for their mission, a mission they had been very much looking forward to. Jeff was able to form his team into a very tightly knit group and they provided excellent support to the Battle Group. He

was indeed a quiet professional, the very hallmark of Canadian soldiers. He also had a dry sense of humour which went a long way to making his team so effective. He was a valued member of the Battery and the Regiment and was highly respected by his superiors, peers and subordinates alike. He died while on duty in the province of Kandahar on 4 July 2007. Captain Francis is survived by Sylvie Secours of Toronto and their son, Ry Logan Secours-Francis, as well as his parents, Russell Francis and Marion Murray of Eastern Passage.



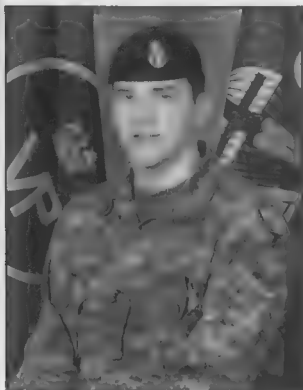
Master Corporal Colin Stuart Francis Bason was a 28-year old reservist from the Royal Westminster Regiment who was serving with C Company, 3 PPCLI when he was killed. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces on 20 April 2000. This was his second overseas mission, having deployed in 2002 to Bosnia-Herzegovina. His qualifications included Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman and Basic Mountain Operations. He was buried in Hazelwood Cemetery in Abbotsford, BC on Tuesday, 17 July 2007. Master Corporal Bason is survived by his partner Katrina Blain, his five-month old daughter Vienna Heather Rose Bason, his parents Gary and Ann Bason, and his brother Beric Bason.



Corporal Jordan James Anderson was born in Iqualuit, NWT (now Nunavut). He grew up in Pelly Bay, Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces on 20 July 2000 and was serving as a radio operator with C Company, 3 PPCLI when he was killed. This was his second overseas mission. He was an avid reader and dog lover. He was only weeks away from the end of his tour of duty, his 26th birthday and his second wedding anniversary. Corporal Anderson was attending university at the time of his death and was only one course shy of completing a Bachelor of Political Science/History degree at the University of Manitoba through the Canadian Forces Program. He was looking forward to returning to his studies to earn a Masters degree in Strategic Studies and becoming an Intelligence Officer. He died while on duty in the province of Kandahar on 4 July 2007. Corporal Anderson was buried in Beechwood National Military Cemetery in Ottawa on Saturday, 14 July 2007. He is survived by his wife Amanda, his parents James and Sheila Anderson, and his brothers Ben, Matt and Sam.



Corporal Cole Daniel Bartsch was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces on 30 January 2003. On completion of his basic infantry training he was posted to the Third Battalion (3 PPCLI) in September 2003. He deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan with Task Force 1-07 as a weapons operator. This was his second mission in Afghanistan as he deployed as part of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in 2005. His qualifications included Basic Parachutist and Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman. He died while on duty in the province of Kandahar on 4 July 2007. He was buried in the Veterans Section, Whitecourt Cemetery, Whitecourt, Alberta on Saturday, 14 July 2007. Corporal Bartsch is survived by his parents Dennis and Juanita Bartsch, sisters Joleen and Tara, and brother Eric.



Private Lane William Thomas Watkins was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Having recently graduated from high school, he enrolled in the Canadian Forces on 28 July 2005. Upon completion of his basic infantry training, he was posted to the Third Battalion (3 PPCLI) in April 2006. He immediately started training for his deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan. He deployed as a rifleman with Task Force 1-07. He died while on duty in the province of Kandahar on 4 July 2007. He was buried at the Clearwater Cemetery, Clearwater, Manitoba on Monday, 16 July 2007. Private Watkins is survived by his parents Charlie and Wanda Watkins, and his brothers Andrew and Leigh.

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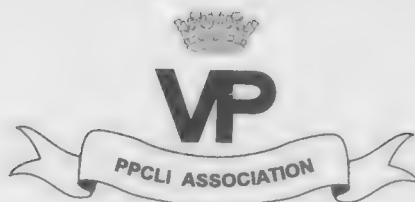
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ALPHA COMPANY

The year 2007 was a busy one for the Red Devils. With an upcoming deployment of fellow Patricias, A Company became a major training and support element.

The first major exercise of the year was the Combat Team Commander's course where 1 PPCLI provided the manoeuvre elements for the validation of new company commanders. A Company worked hand-in-hand with artillery and armoured elements to provide a realistic training exercise for this course at Canadian Manoeuvre Training Center, CFB Wainwright. This exposed the new platoon commanders to company level operations while allowing the soldiers of 1 PPCLI to begin focusing on individual soldier skills again.

Post Combat Team Commander Course, the Company moved onto summer leave. In August, after summer leave, the Red Devils deployed on adventure training to Banff, Alberta, with a batch of new soldiers. It was an excellent bonding experience for the new troops, with conversation during the road move ranging from music to "unmentionables". The five day exercise included outdoor sports ranging from spelunking to mountain biking to white water rafting. The exercise went off without a hitch and all soldiers involved had fun.

Exercise DESERT RAM: TF 1-08 Assembles to Assault Survey Hill, CFB Wainwright





After the adventure training, it was time to get serious. Exercise DESERT RAM was on the horizon and 1 PPCLI was a major support element for preparing its brethren from the 2nd and 3rd Battalions PPCLI to go overseas. It began with two weeks of sandbag duty along with range construction. When this stage was complete, Range 25 in Wainwright resembled a small piece of Afghanistan. In mid-September, Task Force 1-08 arrived in Wainwright and the exercise began. The Red Devils were ready for them, providing mounted and dismounted range safety along with actors to play Afghan locals. The three week exercise was an eye opener for all the new soldiers and a chance for all to learn operational lessons.

During Exercise DESERT RAM, the Red Devils received three brand new platoon commanders from Combat Training Center, CFB Gagetown. The three new officers were quickly integrated into the company, and quickly found themselves befriended by all NCOs who began the task of finishing the new officers training. When the exercise came to a close, the leadership had firmly cemented their relationships.

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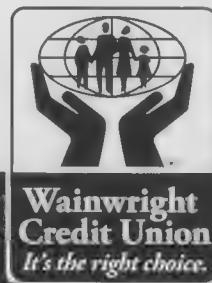
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After Exercise DESERT RAM, the Red Devils began to train for their Primary Combat Functions. It was a busy time in the lines, with all the soldiers either taking or teaching courses. The Red Devils still found the time to honour their fallen along with the rest of the 1st Battalion for Remembrance Day with a small ceremony in the lines. A Company also sent soldiers to speak in schools across Alberta. It was a job well done, with 1 PPCLI receiving praise for the manner in which soldiers conducted themselves along with the messages conveyed. With their courses complete in early December and Christmas leave coming up soon, the three platoons welcomed more new soldiers into the fold, fresh from their Basic Infantry Qualification Course. 2008 holds a lot of promise for the Red Devils and all hope it runs as smoothly as 2007.

Exercise DESERT RAM “Red Devil Inn”



BRAVO COMPANY

Exercises DESERT RAM and MAPLE GUARDIAN played host to many units from across Canada for Task Force 1-08's pre-deployment training serial. These two exercises also gave the newly formed Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT) the opportunity to come together in the field for the first time. B Company, 1 PPCLI is scheduled to travel with the KPRT on Task Force 1-08 as the

Exercise DESERT RAM: Cordon and Search on Range 25



It integral force protection element. During the months leading up to Exercises DESERT RAM and MAPLE GUARDIAN, B Company took every chance they got to help develop other elements of the KPRT in convoy operations, anti-ambush drills and all other infantry specific fields. The pre-deployment exercises gave B Company the opportunity to run through many complex operations alongside other KPRT elements such as the psychological operations team and the Civilian Military Cooperation teams (CIMIC). Throughout the course of the exercises, B Company participated in platoon, company and combat team level live-fire ranges. These complex ranges were coupled with many other dry and live fire scenarios that tested both the soldiers and the leadership of B Company physically and mentally.

Exercise DESERT RAM: Occupying Survey Hill



Over the course of both exercises B Company not only helped bring the KPRT up to speed with their mounted and dismounted drills, the Company came together as a team itself. Before deploying to the field on Exercises DESERT RAM and MAPLE GUARDIAN, B Company was augmented with a platoon of reservists. This addition brought B Company up to two LAV platoons and one defence and security platoon. In preparation for the upcoming mission to Afghanistan, the reservists from the defence and security platoon received training on the RG 31, giving them the convoy escort capability. This capability gives the Company added versatility in terms of keeping pace with the current operational tempo in Afghanistan. Exercises DESERT RAM and MAPLE GUARDIAN were excellent stepping-stones for B Company toward its deployment on Task Force 1-08. The exercises allowed the Company to fine tune its drills as well as establish an excellent working relationship with the other elements of the KPRT.



Exercise DESERT RAM: Artillery Barrage Prior to the of Battle Group Assault

CHARLIE COMPANY

2007 was an unforgettable year for C Company, 1 PPCLI. The year was marked with trials, tribulations, sorrow, and happiness. After Christmas leave came and went, the troops were ready to start off the year knowing that there were quite a lot of challenges that lay ahead of them. Since this year was the year to get another cycle of troops ready for deployment to Afghanistan, there was no shortage of training exercises for them.

Afghan National Army Actors on Exercise DESERT RAM



Almost immediately, Primary Combat Function course cycles were in full swing, and many NCOs were double tasked as instructors, and students, all the while looking after their peers and subordinates during everyday Battalion routine. The focus for the year was getting B Company ready to go to Afghanistan after Christmas of the following year and to get the remainder of the Battalion fully trained for Rotation 03-09.

2007 was also the year that C Company was part of the biggest range training facility ever built. Surprisingly enough, the live fire ranges encompassed a wealth of training value to better prepare our troops for deployment. Combined arms teams joined together to apply heavy suppressive fire to seven mock villages. Artillery barrages hit closer to home than anticipated on a few occasions. Tanks, LAV III's, high explosives, heavy support weapons, and the fighting efficiency of the soldiers on the ground made for an outstanding show of force. There was no doubt in the minds of all military members involved, that Exercises DESERT RAM and MAPLE GUARDIAN were huge successes and impressed all command levels.

B Company was training hard to go over as an attachment with 2 PPCLI for Rotation 01-08. They were cycled through Exercises DESERT RAM, and MAPLE GUARDIAN, and were considered amongst the best trained, most professional troops to run through Range 25. This was shown by their hard work, dedication and desire to succeed.

Exercise MAPLE GUARDIAN was in full swing immediately after Exercise DESERT RAM, and command was relinquished to Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre so they could develop their troops, and experience what it was like to use combined arms to their full capabilities.

Almost in the blink of an eye, silly season was among us, and there were many activities taking place in C Company. The Soldiers' Christmas dinner was a huge success, as was the combined mess dinner for Senior NCOs and officers. The hockey game this year was fun-filled and action-packed,



aggression on the ice. The only major incident that took place on the ice was the CO of the Battalion getting pulled into the Senior NCOs bench area. This was apparently a better year for the officers, who only lost 8-12.

As the troops from C Company set off on leave, there was a sense of relief and sentimental nostalgia taking place. Many NCOs were leaving the Battalion for good, leaving many close friends and comrades behind to set off for new endeavours. Many people were also saying their farewells to friends from B Company that were leaving soon for Afghanistan right after Christmas leave. Despite the busy routine, hard work and dedication of the troops, this year for C Company was quite the memorable one, one that will shape the success of many of the new troops who joined us forever.

COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY

2007 was a very busy and exceptionally productive year for Combat Support Company. The Company took part in a wide range of exercises and conducted a variety of courses. Undoubtedly helping to keep their skills and capabilities sharp for future challenges

CO and RSM 1 PPCLI Help at the 60th Anniversary Steam Line



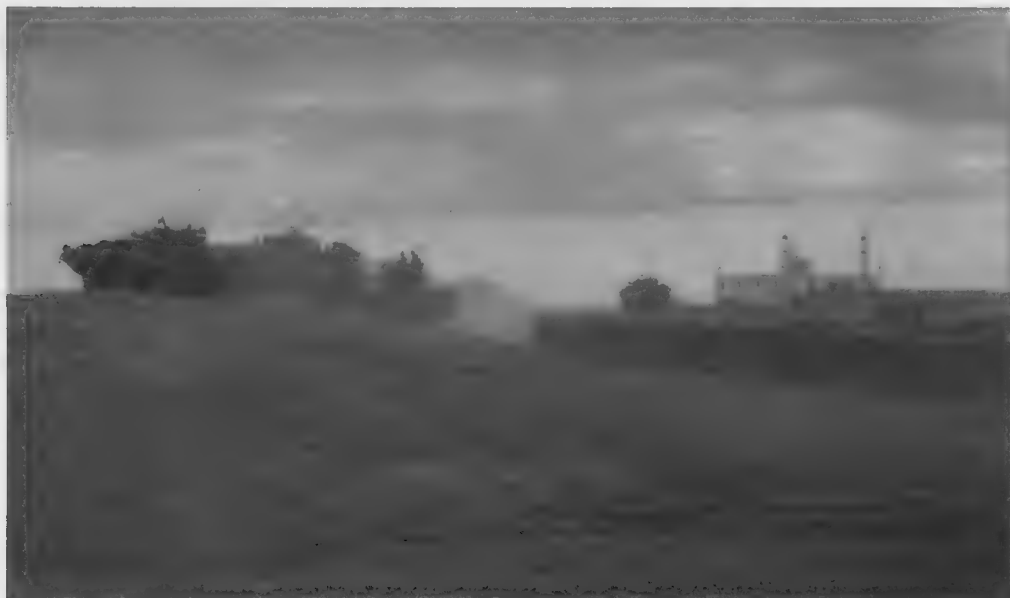
Reconnaissance Platoon kept busy in April and May instructing a Basic Reconnaissance course. While the senior platoon members were busy teaching this year's candidates, the troops worked hard providing a difficult and cunning enemy force. Their experience and hard work was paramount to the success of the course which finished with a 95% success rate. Next the platoon took part in Exercise PATRICIA WOLF which involved a night range consisting of section live fire with LAV III stab runs. In September and October of 2007 Reconnaissance Platoon participated in Exercise PRAIRIE RAM which had them involved with a variety of tasks. With the inclusion of several ranges, they also held "Soldier for a Day", working with civilians who were interested in what army life is like. On top of that work load they also managed to find the time to conduct a Driver Wheel Course and conduct some rappelling. They immediately moved into Exercise MAPLE GUARDIAN running through October to November. During the exercise they were involved as Observer Controllers and drivers, assisting the Battalion in training the soldiers involved with Task Force 1-08.

Signal Platoon was no less busy than the rest of Combat Support Company this year. The platoon participated in three exercises over the past year: Exercises MECH MITHRAS, DESERT RAM, and MAPLE GUARDIAN, consistently helping to keep the Battalion with good communications throughout. They ran two Army Tactical Communication and Information Systems operator (ATCIS) courses out of their platoon lines helping soldiers to become communication qualified. As well they supported two

ATCIS courses run out of 3 PPCLI. When not teaching ATCIS courses, several soldiers were involved with teaching on Advanced Winter Warfare and LAV-III gunner courses. Signal Platoon also managed to find time in their demanding schedule to further their own skills with Journeyman, Primary Land Qualification and Remote Control Improvised Explosive Device (RCIED) courses. Still other soldiers were busy acting as drivers for the numerous tasks required in both Wainwright and Edmonton. When they could find a moment, many soldiers were involved in public relations events at schools, Remembrance Day ceremonies, and young offenders centres speaking on Afghanistan and life in the Canadian Forces.

1 PPCLI Snipers held their own though under an equally heavy workload. They began the year by running a Basic Sniper Course from May through August. The great amount of knowledge and experience was obvious as the course finished with a 93% success rate. Following the course was the next challenge, the 2007 Canadian International Sniper Concentration involving four newly qualified snipers. 1 VP teams finished respectfully and gained a good deal of experience and knowledge from the event. Fall 2007 proved a difficult time as several soldiers were posted to new positions and units. The cell then received five new snipers from throughout the company and carried on with the next task. The Snipers supported exercises including a Pacific exercise in British Columbia, involving other Army units, and Exercise MAPLE GUARDIAN. Both of which helped the Sniper cell to develop new skills and enjoy new experiences.

Exercise DESERT RAM Defence Against Counter Attack During the Occupation of Survey Hill



The soldiers of Combat Support Company also took part in various Remembrance Day ceremonies in the month of November. The Company enjoyed the Christmas celebrations in December and a well deserved period of leave. The soldiers of Combat Support Company are looking forward to the future challenges of the year to come.

ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

2007 was a milestone year for Administration Company. Upon return from Afghanistan the Battalion resurrected Headquarters Company (HQ) split between the traditional Administration and Combat Support Companies. Officer Commanding (OC) Headquarters Company, Maj George Boyuk, ran both organizations as virtual companies under one commander. The first task of the year was support to 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group's (1 CMBG) Exercise STRONG CONTENDER, the 1 CMBG annual sports activity. 1 PPCLI was tasked to coordinate the exercise from opening ceremony to closing ceremony. This very important war fighting task was given to Administration Company for the usual reasons. The contest, while very hectic for the platoon commanders and



seconds-in-command running a Sports Operation Center (or SOC, pronounced 'sock'), was seen as a success by the brigade. It is surprising that we were not condemned to do it forever. Following a relatively gentle Primary Combat Function Cycle, the company quickly geared up for the handover between Lady Patricia and Madame Adrienne Clarkson, supporting various ceremonies and events. Following that, the company began the massive task of supporting the Combat Team Commander's Course in Wainwright, with Maintenance Platoon attempting to create a Taj Mahal entirely from canvas. Supporting LAV-III's, Leopard tanks, Companyotes, Badgers and all the various B vehicles, each with its own bizarre variant, kept the maintainers very busy despite robust augmentation from other brigade units. The bivouac fell under control of WO Todd D'Andrade, nominally Company Quartermaster Sergeant (CQMS) of Combat Support but in fact acting Company Sergeants Major (A/CSM) HQ Company, who tackled the job in his normal enthusiastic manner and soon became known as the gatekeeper of the out route.

As soon as the "Gagetown People" left, it was time to tear down the bivouac, drive 300 km and set up again in Suffield. The road move in itself provided ample opportunity for Maintenance Platoon to recover vehicles that found the hills of the Badlands somewhat taxing. On the other hand, the maintainers were able to exact revenge by rear-ending a LAV-III from B Company with a Husky recovery vehicle.

While the rifle companies were busy setting things on fire, Administration Company literally settled down; lower and lower into mud as thick as molasses. Second-in-Command Administration at the time, then Captain Darcy Wright, had been allocated a reconnaissance in winter and found the ground quite firm. Sadly, by May the ground was a lot softer and the Battalion had picked the one fortnight a year it rains in Suffield. On the other hand, Maintenance Platoon became very skilled at recovery under austere conditions. A/CSM D'Andrade found the Suffield in and out routes easier to police because vehicles deviating from the track plan soon became high centred and culprits could not run very fast in ankle high mud. For all the kitchen chairs sunk in the mud, Capt Wright was eventually forgiven, moved to Operations, promoted, and will soon return to the company as OC.

Summer posting change around happened early for the command team. Maj Boyuk said his farewells to the company just after Suffield and left for Ottawa to be employed at Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command. Maj Innis moved over from A Company to take the helm and coined a new company motto: "Money is not an issue"; which caused some consternation to the new Quartermaster (QM), Capt Craig Berthiaume. The former QM, Capt Brian Yorke, retired from the CF still shuddering from balancing the unit budget. CSM Tim Turner was supposed to exchange positions with CSM





Greyeyes, CSM E (TOW) Company of the LdSH (RC), but in reality both were snapped up by the OMLT. WO Ray Brodner, moved into the CQMS position, has stepped up to the plate. Capt Kelly Holden moved into Second-in-Command Administration Company and was immediately snapped up by the OMLT, only to be moved to the Counter-IED task. The resulting vacant slot was filled by the Maintenance Officer (Maint O), Capt Grant Pudlowski, who then got snapped up for university training. Lt Steve Powell, a Logistics officer on loan from 1 Service Battalion, was pulled back from his job as Transport Officer. Padre Larry Wright moved on promotion to become the Brigade Chaplain. Capt Steve Defer, former Signals Officer for 2 PPCLI, moved in as a Padre-under-instruction, and has found the Battalion to be beneficial to his development process. Enough said there, I think.

The summer brought tasks and leave, and then the company quickly began ramping up to support the most intense range conducted in Canada since the 1940s. Exercise DESERT RAM, covered in detail by 2 PPCLI and no doubt the rifle companies, kept Administration Company busy providing 24/7 support to a deployed Forward Operating Base (FOB) at Hardisty Gate on the south boundary of Wainwright. With the Company Command Post (CP) on the Camp and the company proper in the south, the acting Second-in-Command (Capt Pudlowski, the Maint O) spent much time on the road to coordinate delivery of all manners of items from diesel through ammo to pop and chips for the canteen. The FOB itself received platoons and companies from 2 PPCLI daily and coordinated off loading of blank ammo, uploading of live ammo, top up resupply as required and emergency recovery, on call, with the process reversed every time a platoon left the box. One month later the company tore down the FOB and conducted yet another road move back to Edmonton.

With little respite, PCF courses cranked up again and Administration Company was back to garrison sustainment provisioning, to include last minute rentals, surprise box lunch requests and the requirement to fix every single vehicle right now. But all was made to happen as best as possible and the company ended the training year as it always does: ram-rodding the Men's Christmas Dinner.

Administration Company anticipates more of the same in 2008 - lots of work for lots of training, with an eager hope that the annual posting season tops up the company before we start gearing up for 2009.



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TASK FORCE 1-07 OPERATIONAL MENTORING AND LIAISON TEAM

Despite being manned from units across the country, the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (OMLT) for Joint Task Force Afghanistan (JTF-A) Rotation 3 was commanded by LCol Wayne Eyre (CO 3 PPCLI) and had a helping hand from Capt Jay Thompson (Reconnaissance Platoon Commander 3 PPCLI) and WO Bill Annand (Reserve Support Staff Governor General's Foot Guards). For six months, these three Patricia soldiers lived and fought along side Afghan and coalition soldiers in the province of Kandahar.

As the name suggests, the primary mission of the OMLT is to train, mentor, and assist the Afghan National Army (ANA) to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan. And although the focus of the OMLT is to train the ANA in order to produce a professional and creditable fighting force for the Government of Afghanistan (GoA), the primary function of the R3 OMLT personnel was to plan and execute combat operations and provide combat enablers to the ANA. It was a very demanding experience that tested the combat skills, initiative, and patience of all involved. However, despite its challenges, the OMLT task proved to be an extremely rewarding experience.

During R3 the Canadian contribution to the NATO OMLT initiative expanded dramatically. It grew from one Infantry Kandak (Battalion) and key staff mentor positions at the Brigade and Corps-level, to include almost an entire ANA Brigade (four of five Kandaks) and key positions at the Corps-level. This expansion is a huge commitment that will undoubtedly change the role of the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan for the foreseeable future, and will be key for Afghans providing their own security.



WO Annand, LCol Eyre and Capt Thompson

The year 2007 has been a series of "tactical bounds" for 2 PPCLI. The year began with the preparations for the return of A Company from Task Force 3-06 and ends with the bulk of the Battalion preparing to "get out the door" on Task Force 1-08. Here are all of the events that happened in between.

January

January began with the Battalion's sports teams preparing for and deploying to Edmonton to participate in Exercise STRONG CONTENDER. After a one year operational pause in 2006, 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) again conducted its annual and traditional sports competition. Again this year the Second Battalion entered teams in each of the five sports being contested. With strong showings in Volleyball, Ball Hockey and Indoor Soccer (all placing second), 2 PPCLI came away with third place in the overall aggregate for the Major Units in 1 CMBG. An excellent showing considering A Company and some individual augmentees were still deployed with the 1 RCR Battle Group in Afghanistan. Concurrently, the Battalion was running a full Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman course in Shilo and Nanaimo. Once completed in early March, the successful graduates came away with many war stories from very demanding and intensive training that forced them to experience both the frigid cold of Western Manitoba and the soggy conditions of the more temperate, but damp British Columbia.



February

As the next "tactical bound", February focussed on individual training and the reception of deployed soldiers. The Battalion conducted the final LAV-III courses prior to the stand up of Task Force 1-08 in preparation for deployment next year. These included LAV-III driver and turret operator courses, as well as other specialized driver courses. As all of this training was going on, the Second Battalion prepared for and welcomed home A Company and soldiers of Task Force 3-06. With excited families awaiting their arrival in both Winnipeg and Shilo, these soldiers returned after seven months of hard and successful soldiering. Their actions and efforts served not only their Company and the Second Battalion proud, but also the Regiment and our Country. Not lost in any of the joy of their safe return was the reality that five of their comrades fell during operations as part of Task Force 3-06. The Second Battalion has committed itself to the memory of: MCpl Jeffery Walsh, Cpl David Braun, Cpl Shane Keating, Cpl Keith Morley and Pte David Byers.



March

March was an extremely busy month for the entire Battalion. Within this period the Second Battalion completed the winter Primary Combat Function (PCF) courses, prepared for the "big Regimental event" in Edmonton, conducted preparations for the upcoming Change of Command handover and enjoyed a week-long March Break leave that was well deserved (and appreciated) by all. In preparation for the formal ceremonies to mark the Change of Colonel-In-Chief in Edmonton on 17 March, elements of the Second Battalion conducted parade rehearsals, while the planning staffs within 2 PPCLI and The First Battalion coordinated a movement plan that involved buses, planes and rental vehicles that moved almost 200 personnel from Shilo to Edmonton. The importance of being witness to the change of our Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief is something that will stay with all of us as we continue to serve throughout our careers. Overall, the week's activities were something that all members of the Battalion who made the lengthy trip to Alberta felt extremely fortunate to have witnessed.



Cpl Tate Presenting LCol Sharpe His Pennant

April

The month of April - and our return from March Break block leave - began with the final preparations for the Battalion's Change of Command on 12 April. After three full years "at the helm", LCol Stu Sharpe handed over command of the Battalion and ended an era in the history of 2 PPCLI. In 2004, he took command of the Battalion prior to it leaving Winnipeg and moving to Shilo. As the CO, he oversaw and guided the Battalion's occupancy in Shilo and the settlement of its soldiers and their families in Western Manitoba. The ensuing three years were filled with training, force generation and the deployment of two companies for operations in Afghanistan. In the history of this Battalion, these were noteworthy events that were completed thoroughly and efficiently through LCol Sharpe's leadership and stewardship. On the Change of Command Parade the Second Battalion welcomed LCol Dave Corbould as the CO and the daunting task of preparing and commanding this unit on Task Force 1-08. April also saw the Task Force 1-08 (2 PPCLI) Battle Group officially "stand up". Individual training was conducted and companies began the process of developing and honing low level collective skills within their sections and platoons.

May

The first significant collective training gateway came with the deployment to the Shilo training area and the conduct of Exercise PATRICIA WARRIOR in May. Prior to deploying on Exercise PATRICIA WARRIOR, the Second Battalion did pause to recognize those soldiers who deployed on Task Force



WO McDonald Recieving His Afghanistan Medal from the Area Commander, BGen Skidmore

3-06 with a formal Medals Parade on 4 May. This had a Base-wide focus and soldiers from 1 RCHA and 731 Sigs Sqn (all residents of CFB Shilo) also took part in the ceremony marking their service.

The Second Battalion was grateful to once again host the Colonel of the Regiment and have him take part in the ceremony. Commander Land Force Western Area (LFWA), BGen M.S. Skidmore, Commander 1 CMBG, Col J.H.Vance, and the CO and RSM of 1 RCR (LCol O.H. Lavoie and CWO M.H. Miller) were also on hand to assist directly in the medals presentation.

The unit deployed to the field on 7 May and returned on the 30th. During that time, the soldiers of the Battalion experienced the demands of operating in both day and night as part of dismounted and LAV-III sections and platoons. The training incorporated traditional and Complex Operating Environment (COE) ranges that challenged individual soldier skills and the junior leaders. The culmination of the collective training was a complex live fire platoon range, within a company context, that incorporated indirect fire, engineer troops, and aviation assets. By the end of this range, the soldiers and junior leaders had further developed their skills and instilled the confidence in themselves



2 PPCLI Soldiers on the Kapyong Day Parade



LCol Corbould Leads 2 PPCLI for the First Time

and their organizations to move onto more involved ranges as part of the next collective training gateway in Wainwright in the fall. Exercise PATRICIA WARRIOR was based on lessons learned, Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) and the experience passed on by members of the Battalion who had deployed on Task Force 1-06 and 3-06. Further, with the arrival and incorporation of numerous Reserve and Regular force augmentees, this Field Training Exercise (FTX) was an opportunity for team building at every level.

June

After the collective training focus in May, the Second Battalion returned to garrison, but certainly not to a "garrison routine". The focus shifted to individual training and Departure Assistance Group (DAG) requirements. From medical and dental appointments to Situational Awareness System (SAS), Automatic Targeting System (ATS), first aid and weapons training, all members of the Task Force 1-08 Battle Group in Shilo were extremely busy. Tossed into the mix of all of these training and pre-deployment DAG activities, were courses and operational visits for a number of the soldiers and leaders to locations such as Wainwright, Edmonton, Gaagetown, England and Germany. June capped off a very full first half of the year.

July

July offered the well deserved and much needed summer block leave for all of the Battalion. Once final preparations were completed in the first week of the month, the soldiers ventured far and wide to enjoy their last break until Christmas. We returned the last week of July and began preparing for a brief, but intensive airmobile training event (Exercise AGILE WARRIOR). The exercise plan called for three days of training with and movement by helicopters at the platoon and company levels in support of long range dismounted patrolling tasks. At the end of Exercise AGILE WARRIOR, the companies were able to experience the long-range dismounted patrolling and the intensive three days of training, but the helicopter portion did not quite work out to plan. Mechanical problems grounded the helicopter that had ventured north from Nebraska, thereby, transforming this event into extensive dismounted movement in 30 C heat.

August

The focus of August was bringing all the leadership of what will be the Task Force 1-08 (2 PPCLI) Battle Group (BG) together for training. The gist of the month was a four-day Professional Development (PD) session aimed at orienting the BG leaders to what we will face in Afghanistan and a 1 CMBG-run Computer Assisted Exercise (CAX) on Exercise MAPLE SENTRY. During the PD Session, LCol Corbould, provided his intent and commander's vision of operations for the BG and we were exposed to a 2 ½ day presentation by Maj Mark Ulrich from the US Counter Insurgency Centre. At the end of that week, all leaders in the BG were completely versed with the CO's intent and even

more aware of the nature of counter insurgency operations. This was an excellent building block for the Task Force 1-08 (2 PPCLI) BG's future collective training. Exercise MAPLE SENTRY was a BG-level CAX that trained the command post in coordinating operations using simulation and digitized "tools" vice soldiers on the ground. This six-day CAX forced the BG Headquarters (HQ) to go through numerous operations and planning cycles in preparation for the fall training in Wainwright. This was an extremely valuable training activity for all elements, not only to fine tune the command and control procedures, but also to appreciate the range of capabilities resident in the Task Force 1-08 (2 PPCLI) BG.



The Colonel-in-Chief Visits 2 PPCLI in Wainwright

September

Upon returning from the Labour Day weekend, the Battalion deployed to Wainwright en masse, by military vehicles, buses and planes, knowing that they would not return to Shilo until after Hallowe'en. Exercise DESERT RAM took place from 8 to 29 September. This was focused at not only preparing all elements of the BG for the full spectrum of operations in Kandahar Province, but also incorporated the other mission elements that operate as part of the entire team within Task Force



Cpls Stewart & Johnny P. Decide on the “Rules”

Afghanistan; namely, the Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT), the National Support Element (NSE), and the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (OMLT). The exercise incorporated live-fire training beginning at the platoon-level and culminated with combat teams conducting a 24-hour range that employed tanks, LAVs and artillery firing live both during the day and night. Interspersed within the three week-long timetable was extensive training - in counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) tactics, convoy operations, force protection and first aid - that was extremely well run by 1 PPCLI, 3 PPCLI and The Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTCC). While those preparing to deploy on Task Force 1-08 were in Wainwright, the members of the Battalion's Rear Party and A Company established an excellent and comprehensive support mechanism for the families that will pay dividends next year. Without the hard work and efforts of those vital elements of the Second Battalion that are not deploying (this time), those going overseas would not be able to function effectively. Although separated by the province of Saskatchewan, the positive homefront efforts in Shilo were felt in Wainwright. It is important to note the special visit to Wainwright, and 2 PPCLI, of the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment. On 25 September, the Second Battalion had the honour and privilege to host the Colonel-in-Chief during her first formal visit to 2 PPCLI. Madame Clarkson spent an entire day with the soldiers from across the Battalion and had the opportunity to visit and speak with them as they trained. The day began with a briefing, and a visit with the members of the BG HQ. After this, it was out to the field to visit all of the sub-units while travelling by helicopter. Each section in Bravo Company hosted a walk around the combat team open leaguer and even had the chance



The Chaplain General Visiting with the Cooks of 2 PPCLI



to share in a cup of tea with their Colonel-in-Chief. Charlie Company (and elements of B Squadron LdSH (RC)) hosted the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment in a Tactical Assembly Area (TAA) prior to launching on live-fire training. The members of HQ Company enjoyed a post-supper “chat” with them both as a means of wrapping up a very busy day. This was certainly a memorable visit for all of the soldiers in the Second Battalion who had the good fortune to meet our Colonel-in-Chief for the first time.

October

October began with the completion of a BG live fire COE range that concluded the 1 CMBG-run Exercise DESERT RAM. We paused for a week for the transfer of equipment with CMTC and conducted more mission-specific individual training and briefings. The last two weeks of the month were spent conducting a force-on-force FTX that incorporated all the elements of Task Force 1-08 – Exercise MAPLE GUARDIAN. This was run by CMTC and replicated scenarios and operations that we are likely to encounter once we deploy. After sixteen very long days (and nights), everyone in the Battalion came away with a better understanding of what we will encounter overseas and a greater appreciation for one of the mildest autumns any of the “old dogs” have ever seen in Wainwright! Most of the Battalion returned to Shilo just in time for “trick or treating”.

November

November was about as full as a month could possibly be! It included the Commanding Officer and Company Commanders deploying on a tactical reconnaissance, post exercise leave, PCF courses, kit issue, permetherine, new rucksacks and battle fitness tests. While all were significant, it is worth noting that 2 PPCLI conducted Remembrance Day ceremonies in three separate locations. For the third year in a row, B Company sent a platoon (+) to the hometown of VC recipient Sgt “Harry” Mullin, to parade with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch and the citizens of Moosomin, SK. Charlie Company and B Battery, 1 RCHA, paraded as part of the City of Brandon Remembrance Day service. For the first time a contingent from the Second Battalion participated in the ceremonies in Carberry, MB. All parades were professionally executed and the Battalion contingents were the central elements of the respective ceremonies.



Sgt Perry is Presented the “Warrior Spirit” Award by the Colonel of the Regiment

December

The first week of December saw the conduct of family briefings and all of the company Christmas parties. The second week (and final work week) of December, contained the traditional Christmas "Season's" activities. One of the other benefits of having our ranks filled up with augmentees is that a hockey player or two presents themselves for the annual games - held this year before the Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner. This fact made the games quite competitive (or at least the scores would make one assume this was the case). For the record, the Pte/Cpls defeated the MCpls in their hockey game; and the WOs and Sgts defeated the Officers by a score of 4 to 1. This year's Christmas Dinner was extra special as the Colonel of the Regiment was able to join us and bring greetings from our Colonel-in-Chief. This dinner marked the culmination of a very full and busy year. 2007 will be



Acting LCol Dan Molloy Carves the Christmas Turkey Under Supervision

ALPHA COMPANY 2 PPCLI ON TF 3-06 (1 RCR BATTLE GROUP)

A Company, 2 PPCLI deployed to Kandahar Province, Afghanistan in early August 2006 as part of the Task Force 3-06 (1 RCR) Battle Group. The mission started off quickly as a relief-in-place under contact was conducted in Zhari District's Patrol Base WILSON with B Company, also from 2 PPCLI, who had formed part of Task Force 1-06 (Task Force ORION). The early days of the tour were plagued with regular Taliban mortar attacks on Patrol Base WILSON and ambushes along Highway 1. On the evening of 19 August, A Company was involved in a large firefight with Taliban forces trying





to seize the Panjwayi District Centre. Occupying the Masum-Ghar high feature with a small number of Afghan National Police (ANP) soldiers, the company staved off a 5:1 Taliban assault, resulting in over 70 confirmed enemy dead and no penetration of the town of Bazaar-i-Panjwayi. For their actions during the night three members of the company received the Medal of Military Valour and four others were awarded Mention-In-Dispatches.

The events of 19 August ended up setting the conditions for Operation MEDUSA, the largest offensive operation in NATO's history. A Company was the first to secure their sector of Objective RUGBY, the area around Pashmul and the infamous White School.



Capt Mark Lubiniecki, Battle Captain, B Squadron, LdSH (RC), Delivers Orders to the "Army of the West Combat Team" in Zhari District, December 2006



2 Section, 3 Platoon waits in the Attack Position Outside of Objective RUGBY, September 2006

Operation MEDUSA drove a wedge into the Taliban in Zhari and Panjwayi Districts, which allowed the company to occupy both banks of the Arghandab River and begin the construction of Forward Operating Base MASUM-GHAR. The company conducted operations mainly in the vicinity of Pashmul



and Bazaar-i-Panjwayi until beginning combat team operations with B Squadron of the LdSH (RC). The "Army of the West Combat Team" conducted operations in Zhari and Maywand Districts until the beginning of February 2007, when they were relieved by Hotel Company, 2 RCR Battle Group. The company lost five soldiers during the tour: Master Corporal Jeff Walsh, Corporal David Braun, Corporal Shane Keating, Corporal Keith Morley, and Private David Byers, as well as an affiliated medic from 2 Field Ambulance, Corporal Glenn Arnold. The success of the company during the tour was a tribute to their memory and their ultimate sacrifice to their country and their Regiment.



A Company Pennant Flying in the Location of the A Company Command Post at Objective RUGBY (Pashmul) During Operation MEDUSA, September 2006



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REMEMBRANCE DAY IN KOREA

In 2007 the Korean Veterans in Korea decided to hold the first ever November 11th Remembrance Day services at the UN Cemetery in Busan, Korea. In Canada, Vince Courtenay of the Korea Vet News organized a movement to have Korea Veterans around the world turn towards Busan at 11 AM on November 11th in remembrance of our fallen comrades who are buried there. Peter Seiersen, a Korea Veteran, a member of the PPCLI Association, and a member of the WO's and Snr NCO's Club Ret'd, decided to attend a lay a wreath on behalf of the Association. The following is his report:



Col LaPlante (Defence Attache), Peter Seiersen and Sgt St-Jean

"Vince put me in touch with Colonel Stephen LaPlante (Canadian Defence Attaché) and Sgt Leanne St Jean, two incredibly wonderful people. They assisted in arranging accommodation, transportation, shopping, obtaining wreaths and much more. Their assistance made the trip an overwhelming success. The day of my arrival was the official opening of the new Canadian Embassy in Seoul Col



Monument for Canadian Fallen



LaPlante invited me to the ceremonies and took me under his wing introducing me to the Canadian Ambassador, Mr Lipman and various other diplomats and dignitaries. One of the guests, Dr Kwang Soon Moon, PhD wanted to know which flight I was on to Busan. Upon finding out that I was taking the Bullet Train, he quickly cancelled his flight and decided to accompany me on the train – I did not really expect to see him early the next morning! I arrived at the train station at 0530 hours the next

Mr Chong, Mr Seiersen, Mr Baek and Dr Moon



morning and inside was Dr Moon with a friend, Mr Chong Mo Chong, Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Korea. We had a pleasant three hour ride at 315 kph to Busan. Col LaPlante describes the train ride as so smooth you could do a circumcision on it! On arrival in Busan, we were met (surprise!) by Commissioner Won Seung Jae of the 6.25 UN Veterans Association

Mission. He was calling out to other travellers in the station "Korean Veteran from Canada, Korean Veteran from Canada". They all replied "Hurrah Canada, Hurrah Canada". It was a very moving and wonderful surprise.

At the cemetery we were greeted by Soon-bong Kim, the Assistant Custodian of the cemetery. The Ceremony was held at the "Wall of Remembrance", I laid wreaths for KVA Canada, the PPCLI Association, PPCLI WO's and Snr NCO's Club Ret'd and The RCR. After the service we moved the wreaths over to the Monument for the Canadian Fallen and paid our respects. I had pictures with me that I had taken of the cemetery in 1952. What a contrast with today. Mr Kim was very happy to have them and they will be added to the cemetery Museum. The cemetery is maintained and cared for by the Korean people and is a truly beautiful place. The Koreans are to be congratulated for the quality care they give it.



Peter Seiersen and Won Seung Jae

After the service Mr Jeongho Baek, Honorary Consul for Canada in Busan, hosted us for lunch and then it was back on the Bullet Train back to Seoul. Mr Chong would not leave until I was in the care of Sgt St Jean! The trip was short, tiring but very worthwhile. My personal thanks to Col LaPlante, Sgt St Jean and my new Korean friends.

I was very touched by the respect and the appreciation that the Korean people have for Canada for help given to them during and after the War 1950-1953. It is amazing to see a country rise from the ashes to become the 10th largest economy in the world.

The only constant for 3 PPCLI in 2007 was change. To start the year, C Company handed over the coveted parachute role to B Company, then went to Afghanistan as part of the 2 RCR Battle Group in February 2007. At the same time, A Company moved into 1 PPCLI lines to begin LAV III training. However, an organizational change saw A Company divided between the 2 PPCLI Battle Group and the Operational Mentorship and Liaison Team (OMLT). With a large contingent of personnel deploying or already deployed, 3 PPCLI was left at minimal strength. Even the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major were tasked away, leaving Major Mark Campbell and later Major Glen Zilkalns (more commonly known as The Dark Lord) as Acting Commanding Officers and Master Warrant Officer Greg Trenholm as Acting RSM. All performed admirably, particularly during the hectic and emotionally difficult times when our C Company Group lost nine soldiers in Afghanistan.

Bravo Company Soldiers Jumping from Griffon Helicopters on Exercise DESERT RAM



In March, the Regiment celebrated an historic change of appointment as Madame Adrienne Clarkson became the first Canadian to become the Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief. The parade was attended by the Chief of Land Staff and many Regimental luminaries, including former CO of 3 PPCLI Brigadier General Glenn Nordick, who was the Parade Commander of Guards from 1, 2, and 3 PPCLI and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI). Lady Patricia Mountbatten handed over and concluded thirty-three years of service as our second Colonel-in-Chief.

In August, Lieutenant-Colonel Wayne Eyre returned from commanding the OMLT and relinquished command to Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Kenneally. Lieutenant-Colonel Eyre was subsequently promoted to Colonel in December and appointed J3 (Joint Operations) of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Command. RSM, Chief Warrant Officer Chris White became the Acting RSM of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) in late 2006, and was then appointed RSM of Joint Task Force (Afghanistan) in 2007. The new RSM, CWO Derek Bisson, arrived in July 2007, from the US Army Sergeants' Major Academy.

In 2007, 3 PPCLI shrunk from five companies to two, as C Company deployed, A Company moved to 1 PPCLI and then Combat Support Company became the lead force-generator for the OMLT which was stood up by 3 PPCLI in April 2007. The nucleus of approximately 65 personnel expanded to approximately 200 by the deployment in February 2008, concluding a marathon "Road to War."

A COMPANY

A Company spent 2007 conducting a whirlwind of training across Alberta. Once selected for deployment with Task Force 1-08 and the 2 PPCLI Battle-Group, A Company was tasked with

becoming a mechanized infantry company. Major RT Ritchie took command of A Company and led the company into Exercise MECHANIZED MITHRAS in Wainwright during May and April. Exercise MECHANIZED MITHRAS was the first exposure for A Company to perform in a mechanized role and to encounter the sorts of missions they could encounter overseas. In true 3rd Battalion fashion they hit the ground running and performed very well. To meet the needs of the ongoing mission overseas, A Company was reorganized. The company leadership under Major Ritchie and 2 Platoon were amalgamated into the OMLT. 1 Platoon was attached to B Company 2 PPCLI and 3 Platoon was attached to C Company 2 PPCLI. Both platoons then deployed in early September for their validation training, Exercise DESERT RAM. DESERT RAM proved to be revolutionary as a means of assessing deploying forces. By creating a few square kilometres of Afghanistan on Wainwright's Range 25, the platoons and companies, with supporting armoured, engineering, artillery, and air assets, participated in a continuously fluid scenario for periods of 24 and 36 hours. Shrewdly tested by range staff from 1 PPCLI and Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC) personnel (including media, live actors and an essentially 360 degree live-fire template), A Company soldiers performed superbly. Without pause, A Company transitioned into CMTC validation training in October. As a result of their strong standard of performance, A Company soldiers were declared fit for battle by the Commander of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group.

Upon return to Edmonton, A Company worked in 1 PPCLI lines to continue their mechanization training, and then moved back to 3 PPCLI lines in early December. Whilst balancing commitments from all 3 Battalions (as the soldiers were simultaneously force-generated by 3 PPCLI, trained by 1 PPCLI and deployed with 2 PPCLI), A Company conducted continuation training to ensure there was no "skill fade" leading into Christmas. Prior to the men's Christmas dinner, A Company returned to 3 PPCLI lines until their deployment to Task Force Afghanistan at the end of February 2008. After Christmas A Company soldiers returned to work for a series of cultural and language briefings and essential Tactical Combat Casualty Course medical training.

The soldiers of A Company are prepared, equipped and trained to the highest standard. From light infantry to mechanized operations and the full spectrum of contemporary missions, these 3 PPCLI soldiers have performed with intensity, dedication and true commitment. These soldiers are true representatives of the traditions of the Patricias and will take the Regiment's ideals of professionalism, courage, and passion into battle just as C Company did in 2007 and their many Regimental comrades in prior years.



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B COMPANY (PARACHUTE)

On 19 January 2007, B Company took over the parachute role from C Company and the handover was cemented with a parachute descent from Griffon Helicopters. This new and exciting role had its challenges with less than twenty qualified jumpers remaining in the company. Since then, the



**Bravo Company Soldiers Rappelling from Griffon Helicopters
on Exercise DESERT RAM**

company has gradually been reconstituted to full strength by qualifying new jumpers on multiple jump courses. In February 2008, an entire Basic Parachutist serial, with 3 PPCLI instructors, increased the number of qualified jumpers by 40. B Company was tasked in the spring and the fall to support Task



**Bravo Company Soldiers rappelling “Aussie Style” on
Exercise MOUNTAIN WARRIOR**

Force 1-08. On Exercise TERE KOWEL in May 2007, B Company helped train the OMLT in Dundurn, SK. At the end of the summer, B Company was sent back to the field for Exercise DESERT RAM, this time preparing and testing the 2 PPCLI Battle Group for overseas deployment. B Company was also able to conduct its own training - navigation, rappelling and parachute jumps using helicopters from 408 and 427 Squadrons that were already in Wainwright. In between taskings, in support Task Force



**Sgt Clayton Schoepp & MCpl Greg Holler, B Company
on Exercise PHOENIX STRIKE**

1-08, B Company conducted other training. In early June, members of the company were sent to the 1 Canadian Parachute Battalion reunion at Siffleur Falls in Western Alberta. Culminating with a climb



**3 PPCLI Jumpers Boarding an American Chinook
During Menton Days**



up Coelis Mountain, B Company soldiers scattered the ashes of Roy Taylor, a fallen ex-paratrooper.

Next, B Company personnel went to Kamloops, BC, on Exercise MOUNTAIN WARRIOR II. A Basic Mountain Operations course was run, which folded into a tactical exercise. The focus of the exercise was on light infantry operations in mountainous terrain, culminating with platoon-sized raids on enemy positions.



**Fallen Soldiers from C Company, 3 PPCLI (left to right)
Cpl Bouzane, Pte Watkins, Capt Francis (1 RCHA), Sgt Karigiannis, Capt Dawe,
Cpl Bartsch, Cpl Anderson, Pte Wiebe and MCpl Bason (R Westmr R)**

At the end of August, following summer block leave, the Company prepared for Exercise PHOENIX STRIKE, an airborne raid on a built up area at the Edmonton Garrison Urban Warfare Site. With a condensed timeline, B Company received orders, and conducted battle preparation and rehearsals before inserting from a CC 130 Hercules aircraft. The company objective was taken and secured in one hour. Newly arrived Company Sergeant Major (CSM) Andy Hulan and Maj Dave Proctor formed the B Company Command Team. In December, B Company went south to Fort Lewis, WA, to join the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) for Menton Days.

Menton Days commemorates the 1st Special Service Force, the elite joint Canadian-American force that fought in the Second World War. The 1st Special Service Force (SSF) fought in Alaska and Italy, and were renowned for their audacity and savagery, earning the name, "The Devil's Brigade" from its enemies. The French village of Menton was the last parade ground of the 1st SSF before its disbandment in 1945. Menton Days is a chance for Canadian and American jumpers to train and jump together. After a successful jump, American and Canadian soldiers exchanged airborne wings. The week included some shooting, training, and sports and culminated in the renowned Menton Days Ball in Seattle, WA.



**The Late Sgt Karigiannis &
Cpl Bouzane on Patrol**



C COMPANY

The main body of Charlie Company, 3 PPCLI, arrived in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 18 February 2007 as part of the 2 RCR Battle Group. Maj Chris Henderson and CSM Craig Green formed the Command team. After a brief but very informative handover from Charles Company (1 RCR) and



**Cpl James Peters of
C Company Doing a CrossFit
Workout**

reception of our new and unfamiliar RG-31 armoured vehicles, our company group immediately deployed to Forward Operating Base (FOB) MA'SUM GHAR to begin operations. For the next month C Company conducted sustained presence patrols in both the Panjwayi and Zharey Districts, becoming familiar with both areas.

During Operation MARGUERITE, the company conducted a clearance of the area east of FOB GUNDE' GHAR. This was the first time C Company came into contact with Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), finding several unexploded devices. Two weeks later, 8 Platoon was tasked to respond to an IED strike against a Coyote armoured vehicle. It was during the route clearance to the incident site that Parker, an American dog-handler, was grievously wounded by an IED explosion.



**Cpls Veasy, Peters, Pte Tateyama and Cpl Clarke, C Company
Prepare for a Clearance Patrol**



With no medic on scene, Cpl Jordan Anderson quickly began first aid, stabilizing him until the Medevac arrived to take him to Kandahar Airfield (KAF). There is no doubt that Cpl Anderson's quick response, coupled with his knowledge of combat casualty care, saved Parker's life.



**Cpls Jackson, Lambert, McKay and Veasy of C Company
enjoy Kraft Dinner near their Observation Post**

A week later, C Company received orders from the Battle Group Commander, to occupy FOB SPERWAN GHAR in Panjwayi. C Company began aggressive patrolling of the Panjwayi and occupied two checkpoints, allowing them to observe the Main Supply Route, Arghandab River and the surrounding farmland. FOB security tasks, manning Checkpoints 5 and 10, and aggressive patrolling of the area of operations, kept the company spread thin for the remainder of tour.

Dealing with the heat and rugged countryside was the least of our troubles as several insurgent IED cells soon began to focus their attention on the Patricias. For the remainder of the tour it was a constant struggle to maintain control of the routes. Dozens of IEDs were laid, often using the same locations on more than one occasion. June saw several strikes on C Company vehicles. On 20 June, the Gator carrying Sgt Christos Karigiannis, Cpl Stephen Bouzane and Pte Joel Wiebe was hit by an IED and tragically, all three were killed. On 4 July, the RG-31 carrying Capt Matthew Dawe, Cpl Jordan Anderson, Cpl Cole Bartsch, Pte Lane Watkins, MCpl Colin Bason of the Royal Westminster Regiment, and Capt Jefferson Francis of 1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, was hit by the largest IED yet seen in Afghanistan. All six of our brothers and their interpreter died in the blast.

**Cpl King of C Company at
Tarnak Farm Range**



After an extremely emotional ramp ceremony C Company went back to work and continued to influence the Panjwayi by tenaciously patrolling the numerous villages. For the remainder of the tour C Company maintained its aggressive patrolling against insurgents. The company's only significant direct action came a few weeks later in the village of Talukan when they engaged and defeated a small insurgent group.



By the time the last of our troops left Kandahar on 14 August, C Company had found, been hit by, or otherwise responded to more than 50 IEDs. Sent into a true counter-insurgency, with an enemy unwilling to directly engage them, C Company maintained a strong grip on Panjwayi, allowing the balance of the 2 RCR Battle Group to operate freely to the North. Our presence in the area allowed refugees and reconstruction aid to once again flow into Panjwayi, improving the lives of everyday Afghans.

C Company received their campaign medals on return from theatre, and then participated in a 3 PPCLI organized memorial ceremony in the base gym attended by many VIPs including the Chief of Land Staff, families of our fallen, and some two thousand military and civilian personnel. The Officer Commanding was posted to Ottawa and the CSM took over as the Quarter Master Sergeant Instructor, while new platoon commanders joined the company and Maj Kevin McLoughlin and WO John Devine took over the Command team.

In November, C Company personnel participated in a dedication ceremony in Calgary adding nine fallen to the Hall of Honour. On Remembrance Day the Company paraded at the University of Alberta and remained intact until the January 2008 cross-postings.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Administration Company was faced with many challenges and changes throughout 2007. The year began with support to the Primary Combat Function (PCF) courses and the Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman Course in Kamloops, BC. This was followed by a major shake-up of both Administration and Combat Support Companies. The stand up of the Task Force 1-08 OMLT meant an end to 3 PPCLI's Combat Support Company. As the lead force-generator for the OMLT, only Signals Platoon and the Military Police Section remained. Administration Company accepted these personnel warmly and thus became known as Headquarters Company (HQ). HQ Company was first tested as a 'new' organization in the field during Exercise TERE KAWEL. HQ Company was able to bring all support elements together to successfully support the OMLT's training while conducting contingency planning in response to the possible floods in the Lower Fraser Valley. In response to the C Company casualties, HQ Company was tasked with providing Assisting Officers to the family members of the fallen and dealing with the matters in the Edmonton area. Although these events and activities were tiring and sobering for those involved, it was also very rewarding to our soldiers and critical to supporting family members. Despite the many training stands conducted by B Company, HQ Company provided them with the support needed to assist 1 PPCLI's training plan. Upon completion of Exercise DESERT RAM, HQ Company prepared and supported the fall PCF cycle which ran from October to December. Capt Gord MacLeod and WO Ken Surridge formed the HQ Company Command team. HQ Company successfully supported all elements of 3 PPCLI during 2007 to ensure that training objectives and standards were achieved. In 2008, HQ Company will be heavily engaged in the force-generation of future Task Forces.

CONCLUSION

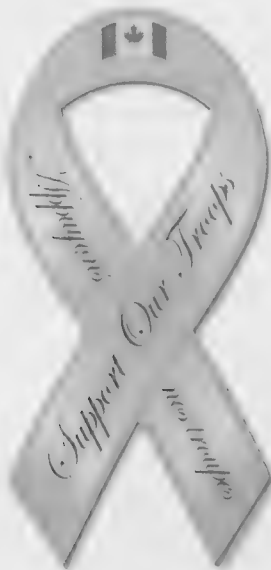
Operational Tempo has driven an intense pace of training and operations in 2007. We trained and deployed 127 C Company personnel and the Commanding Officer with the Task Force 1-07, suffering the loss of nine comrades but as always enhancing the Third Battalion reputation for warrior spirit, courage, and professionalism. Simultaneously the Battalion force-generated and trained initially sixty OMLT personnel and then housed, equipped and supported increasing demands of OMLT expansion through the year to approximately 200 personnel from 3 PPCLI and elsewhere.

3 PPCLI has deployed 174 personnel on Task Force 1-08. Following the tour, A Company will be reconstituted and will support 3 PPCLI as it force-generates the Task Force 3-09 OMLT and fills other essential operational tasks in the Task Force. Third Battalion certainly had a busy, operationally focused year with moments of joy and sadness, and looks forward to 2008 to train new soldiers and develop cohesive platoons and companies. "We live in interesting times."



Front Row: Sgt Ted Johnston, SSgt Bob Caseman (96 years old), WO Tom Pelkey, and Sgt Gordy Lee.

Rear Row: Sgt Stretch Coulter and Cpl Neil McKinley Armstrong, B.C.



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COLONEL-IN-CHIEF CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT

One of the key events for the Regiment in 2007 was the Change of Appointment of our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia, Countess Mountbatten of Burma to The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson. This splendid occasion took place in Edmonton, Alberta on the 17 March 2007.



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Frank Smith Brown was an authentic "Original" Patricia. He joined the newly forming Regiment as a private soldier at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa on the 26th of August, 1914. He was twenty-one years of age, married, with a daughter, Isobel Velma Brown. The family residence was "The Manse" in Almonte, Ontario, a few miles north west of Ottawa. Prior to the outbreak of war Frank Brown had nine months of service with the Royal Canadian Regiment and three months with the Royal Canadian Engineers at St. Jean, QC. On enlistment he gave his occupation as a soldier and a clerk. He was 5'7" tall with a 35" chest that was typical of the recruits of the period. Frank Brown served with the Regiment through the training at Levis, QC, and at Tidworth, England, where he earned his sergeant's stripes. He went to France with the Regiment, arriving there a few days before Christmas 1914. Sergeant Brown entered the trenches with his rifle company on the night of 6/7 January, 1915, and served in the mud, rain and cold until he was killed in action at St Eloi on the 3 February 1915.

Sergeant Brown, like so many youths of the time, had a good grasp of the basics of English grammar and appears to have been a well-read soldier. His early schooling had been in Waterford, Simcoe County, where the basic three "Rs" were emphasized in the school curriculum. Before his death in the trenches at St Eloi he wrote a poem about "Mail" that ended up with the Port Elgin "Times" which published it later in 1916. Here is a copy of the original publication.

Mail

What is the call, the bugle,
The call that has no betters;
The silver call that beats them all,
The music call for "Letters."

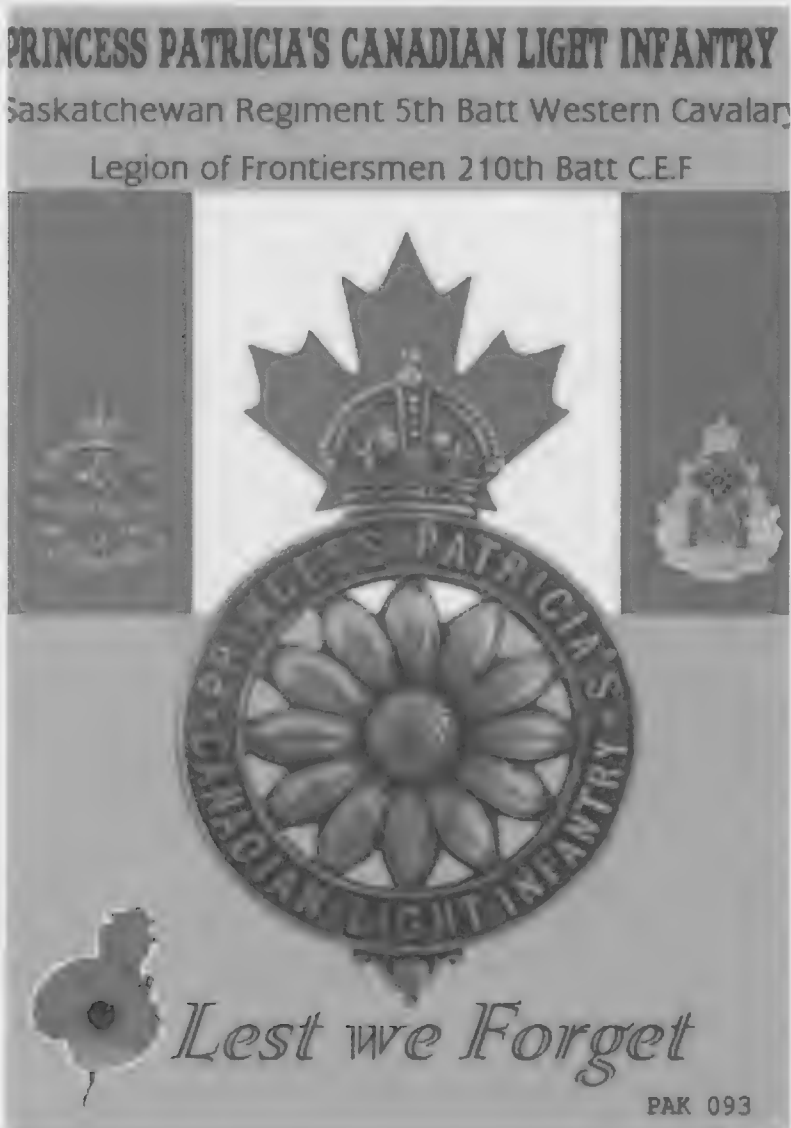
You can take a silver trumpet
And sound the dread "Alarm,"
T.A. will spring to action
With his rifle neath his arm;
But if you want to see him jump,
Or run like a streak of hail,
Just take the same old bugle
And sound the call for "Mail."

His hand is all a-tremble,
His eyes stick out like pegs,
He goes all of a-quiver
From the ague in his legs;
And if his name's not on the list
He wilts like a frozen bud,
Until another mail-call drags
Him ploughing through the mud.

Now, the moral is for folks at home -
Don't wait for him to write,
And don't just say, "Dear Tom - must
Close, I hope this finds you "right."
A good long, newsy letter is the best
that you can yield
In the way of down right service to
your Tommy in the field,
What is the call, the cheering call
That every other betters?
A silver call, a longed-for call -
The music-call for "Letters."

Notes:

1. "T.A." is Tommy Atkins, the nickname for British soldiers in World War 1.
2. Punctuation is as published in the Port Elgin "Times."
3. This poem was discovered in some sepia-coloured press clippings in scrapbook passed down through the generations in a friend's family. I was using the scrapbook as source material for two other Patricias, the Geddes brothers, who served through Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. More on their service at a later date...



The Countess of Mountbatten's Own Legion of Frontiersmen was founded in 1904 by Roger Pocock, a former member of the North West Mounted Police. The Legion of Frontiersmen is an international service organisation dedicated to promoting loyalty, discipline and good citizenship, and providing assistance, particularly during emergencies and times of conflict. The Legion of Frontiersmen provided volunteers to the PPCLI and the 49th (Edmonton) Battalion during the First World War and eventually formed the 210 (Frontiersmen) Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. No formal affiliation exists between the PPCLI and the Legion of Frontiersmen, but the two organizations share a connection through Lady Patricia who serves as their Patron.

MESSAGE FROM LADY PATRICIA

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE COUNTESS MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA, MSC, CBE, CD, JP, DL

My Dear Patricias:

I am writing to thank everyone for the wonderful hospitality and support I received over the past year as I relinquished my duties as your Colonel-in-Chief. It was a remarkable year and a very fitting end to my service with our fine Regiment. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to Canada and the opportunity to meet with so many dear friends.

My granddaughter Alexandra and I much enjoyed our visit to Ottawa and the change of appointment ceremonies in Edmonton in March. It was terrific to see all of the Battalions and the Old Guard on parade and I was very pleased to see so many Patricias travel from across Canada to participate in the weekend's celebrations. I also enjoyed my stay in British Columbia including the private visits and the opportunity to visit with Patricias in Vancouver and on Vancouver Island.



**Christine Gollner, Bernice Duncan, Lady Patricia and Linda Hansen
Visiting at the Gollner's residence, Cobble Hill, B.C.**

My visits to Ottawa and Calgary at the end of August were also events that I will always cherish. I was surprised and very honoured to be publicly recognized for my service to the Regiment. It was a great pleasure to meet the Governor General and the Minister of National Defence. I also enjoyed the opportunity to stay at Earncliffe and tour the Rideau Canal. This trip culminated at the PPCLI Association's 60th Anniversary in Calgary. It was a very memorable weekend and another chance to visit with old friends from across Canada. The members of Calgary Branch were excellent hosts and I really appreciated the invitation to become the Association's Honourary Patron and the opportunity to maintain my connection with the Regiment. I would like to pass on my special thanks to Bob Zubkowski for his amazing work on the hand-carved ostrich egg that was presented to me by the PPCLI Association. It is an extraordinary souvenir of my service with the Patricias.

I am extremely proud of my 33 years of service with the PPCLI. I feel very privileged to have met so many extraordinary people and the opportunity to share so many exciting memories. I intend to carry on my great friendship with the Regiment and continue to monitor the Regiment's news with great interest. I wish you all and your families the very best for 2008.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Mountbatten of Burma

IN UNIFORM

By Janet Hayward

My sister, Janet Hayward is a closet poet and wrote the attached poem a few years ago in honor of my father that served in the Armed Forces and is now retired.

To make a long story short, she resides in Vancouver and has been asked by the military to read this poem to my Dad, James Hayward at the Canada Place ceremonies on the 11th of November 2007. His father served in the Second World War and his grandson, my son, James Hayward Arnal returned from Afghanistan after six months in February of this year, so you can see how "war and peace" continues to have an impact on my family.

The poem has a profound meaning for those associated with the Armed Forces and I think would have meaning to others. It shows just how members of the Armed Forces feel about protecting our country, the sacrifices they make, and the impact they have on their families and the pride the families have for their fathers, husbands, brothers and sons. (And nowadays, mothers, wives, sisters and daughters!) But most importantly ... that they never forget, remembrance of those that have given the ultimate is honored daily for soldiers through the many symbols she mentions.

Wendy Hayward

"IN UNIFORM"

Standing tall; eyes focused forward
rigid against the background of a platoon of
soldiers.
Medals adding colour to the dark, bleak uniform ...
decorating the man for his commitment,
his bravery,
and his service to his country.
A bead of sweat falling ...
the sun soaking into the black asphalt beneath his
boots.
The ceremony ...
remembering those who have fallen,
and friends to have served yet passed on.
Eyes marked with lines of the years gone by ...
of serving others ...
of the pride felt ...
to belong to this select group of individuals
who have given a part of themselves and their
families.
His straight back ...
his rigid chin ...
his focused eyes ...
his expressionless face ...
for most — a symbol.
The image seen throughout the years.
Symbolizing the strive for peace ...
the peace we long for.
For me ...
A symbol of the man who raised me ...



**Jim & Mona Hayward Enjoying a
Dance at the 60th Anniversary in
Calgary, AB**

MY DAD.

Janet and Wendy Hayward are daughters of James (Jim) & Mona Hayward, a retired Patricia who served with First and Second Battalions and 3 Mechanized Commando. Wendy's son, Cpl James Hayward Arnal, is currently serving in the Regiment.

LAKES NAMED AFTER FALLEN PATRICIAS



Two Northern Manitoba lakes were named after soldiers who died last year in Afghanistan, by Premier Gary Doer at a ceremony in Winnipeg on 9 November 2007.

Morley Lake, located about 60 kilometres north of Flin Flon, is named for Corporal Keith Morley, a Winnipeg-born soldier with the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who died in September 2006 after a bomb attack in the Panjwai district of Afghanistan.

Timothy Wilson Lake is located about 75 km Northeast of Flin Flon. It's named after Master Corporal Timothy Wilson, also a soldier with 2 PPCLI. Wilson, 30, died in March 2006 when his armoured vehicle ran off the road in the Kandahar area.

Premier Gary Doer of Manitoba made the announcement on the eve of the Remembrance Day weekend at a short ceremony at the Legislature, surrounded by military personnel and the families of the fallen soldiers.

"This is just a small way of commemorating the sacrifice of our brave men and women," said Doer.

Wilson's father Dale said he is proud to see his son's achievements commemorated, but the honour brought back sad memories. "It's bittersweet," said Dale Wilson. "I can't tell you how much his loss devastated our family. There's a piece of my heart missing and there always will be."

Next year, the Province of Manitoba is expected to honour 20-year-old Private Lane Watkins, who grew up in Clearwater and died in July after a roadside bomb attack near Kandahar.

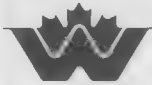
The province's Commemorative Names Project has a one-year grace period before a fallen soldier can be honoured. The naming project has already worked its way through the list of Manitoba soldiers killed in the Second World War and Korea, naming lakes, bays, peninsulas and rivers after the war dead.



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PORTRAITS OF FALLEN SOLDIERS



In 2002, an artist in Ontario decided to paint portraits for our four fallen Patricias in Afghanistan. Mrs Mary McNulty, a professional artist, was struck by the loss of our soldiers and the loss of the families involved. Mrs McNulty, paints for people in trauma, she has painted a portrait of all fallen Canadian soldiers (to date) as well as a few others. Her commitment to the Regiment and the Canadian Forces has been outstanding.

The Pita Pit located at Beaumarias Lake Shopping Centre, Edmonton, and is a proud supporter of the Regiment





The Pita Pit owners Nancy & Ken organized a "Customer Appreciation Day", which was supported by the Regiment and Edward Jones owner, Mr George McConechy, CFP. The proceeds were donated to the Regimental Benevolent Fund.



LAND FORCE WESTERN AREA TRAINING CENTRE

2007 marked the 10-year anniversary of the re-organization of Camp Wainwright and the PPCLI Battle School into the Land Force Western Area Training Centre. Under the current structure, LFWA TC is involved solely with the delivery of Individual Training to the Regular and Reserve Force, and shares the camp with two other units: Area Support Unit (ASU) Wainwright and The Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTCC).



BIQ 0115 Winter Defensive Position

2007 was another busy year for the Patricias of LFWA TC. Many incremental staff from the regimental Family supported the permanent staff in the running of several courses: six Regular Soldiers Qualification (SQ), eight Regular Basic Infantryman Qualification (BIQ), two Reserve BIQ, two Infantry Primary Land Qualification (PLQ), two Canadian Forces PLQ, one Bold Eagle Basic Military Qualification (BMQ), two Close Quarter Combat/Instructor (CQCB/CQCI), one Rappel Master and one First Aid Instructor.





There was also change, as the unit gained a new sub-unit with the addition of Detachment Edmonton. This sub-unit will be responsible for the conduct of combat service support training for Western Area



Afgan Army Visit

Furthermore, the Subject Matter Experts cell was created in Wainwright. This section will comprise Close Quarter Combat, Sniper, Urban Ops, and Rappel Cells.



A Company OC & CSM Enjoying the Last CO's Fun Run

The Headquarters experienced significant and unexpected change this year when Commanding Officer LCol Mike Minor was suddenly selected to the position of Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Headquarters Regional Command South (Afghanistan), and departed for workup training in August. Major Dave McKillop, formerly the Deputy Commanding Officer (DCO) and Chief Instructor (CI), was pressed into the role of acting Commanding Officer indefinitely. Captain Slade Crooks took over adjutant duties and MWO Kevin Kehoe replaced David Macdonald as QMSI. MWO Todd

D'Andrade was posted-in to fill MWO Kehoe's position as B Company Sergeant Major. Time was found in September for all companies to participate in adventure training expeditions. A Company departed on a sixteen day-adventure in the Yukon Territory where they canoed 645 kms. B Company hiked the 44 spectacular kilometres of the Skyline Trail in Jasper National Park, while Training Support Company conducted Exercise WESTERN PROSPECTOR, a canoeing expedition on



Exercise MARMOT VENTURE II

Bennett Lake, also in the Yukon Territory.

The highlight of the year was a visit in November by Colonel-in-Chief, Madame Adrienne Clarkson and Colonel of the Regiment, BGen (Retired) Larry Gollner. The unit was also visited in November by members of the Afghanistan National Army.

Four long-serving Patricias retired this year, ending their career with LFWA TC. Retiring to Calgary



MWO Macdonald Retires on 15 April



with 26 years service was WO Gerald Kennedy. Retiring in the Wainwright area and still employed on base are WO Mike Todd with 22 years of service, WO Al Cooper with 20 years of service, and Capt Kim Murphy, with 25 years of service.



Colonel-in-Chief Visit



Captain Kim Murphy Retiring

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On the eve of its 100th anniversary, 2007 was a year of reflection for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and a good chance for the younger members to connect with a proud past in the last two world wars.

On 7 April 2007, eighteen members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment travelled to Vimy Ridge to lay to rest a fellow Eddie. On the night of June 8 and 9, 1917 Pte Herbert Peterson participated in an operation with 16 members of the 49th Infantry Battalion, The Edmonton Regiment. It was assumed that the members of this trench raid had been killed or went missing on the front near Vimy Ridge.



Loyal Edmonton Regiment Contingent at Vimy, France April 2007

In 2003, during construction work in the south part of the city of Avion in France, near Vimy Ridge, two bodies were found, one of which was Pte Peterson. A team of forensic experts and historians reconstructed the scene and determined the two men were injured by an exploding shell. An unknown soldier had been carrying the body of Pte Peterson back to friendly lines, which were about 550 metres away. Born on February 28, 1895, Pte Peterson was originally from Barry Creek, Alberta. The members of the regiment performed a funeral ceremony with full military honours. On 7 February 2007 Pte Peterson was finally laid to rest with his comrades-in-arms at the La Chaudière Military Cemetery (Commonwealth War Graves Commission). On 13 October 2007, a painting commissioned by the Department of History and Heritage was unveiled at the Brigadier Jefferson Armouries in Edmonton. The artist, Ms Catherine Jones, of Halifax, immortalized the two soldiers who died near Avion in this painting honouring their courage. One can view this extraordinary painting, depicting Pte





Peterson being carried through no-mans-land, in the entranceway to the Armouries. In December, the Dutch town of Hoevelaken invited several members of the Regiment and the Regimental Association overseas. The purpose of this expedition was to pay honour and respects to an Eddie who had given his life in order to liberate the town during the Second World War. On 19 April 1945, just two weeks prior to the end of the War, Pte Walter (Jock) Strang of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment was killed while advancing along a road leading into the town. Since that date the town has set up a memorial in his honour and have paid their respects every May, on the Liberation of Holland Day. The recent visit by the Regiment was highlighted by a ceremony in which a street was renamed after Pte Walter Strang.

Early in 2007, the Commanding Officer, LCol Hans Brink and RSM Mike Bludd saw the Loyal Edmonton Regiment dispatch 22 of its soldiers to Task Force 1-08. These soldiers found positions with the Force Protection Platoons (ten soldiers), with CIMIC teams (one soldier), with the Provincial Reconstruction Team (seven soldiers), with the Liaison and Training Teams, (three soldiers) and in positions within Headquarters (Major Chodan). The soldiers selected for this Task Force will have spent the better part of the year training prior to deployment in February of 2008. A special salute goes out to these soldiers as the majority of them have given up as much as two school years or steady employment.

The training year saw the Loyal Edmonton Regiment complete several courses. These included a pair of Platoon Support Weapons Courses as well as Basic Military Qualification and Basic Soldier Qualification courses.

Exercises were held in Wainwright and Edmonton that covered Gunfighter shooting, patrolling, Winter Indoctrination and Military Operation in Urban Terrain. Many opportunities were organised for the members to complete the Personal Weapons Test and the Battle Fitness Test. This year proved to produce the most qualified shooters and the fittest soldier the unit has seen in many years. Pte Alexander Liaw earned the title as the top shot in the unit.

Mr Jon McCully was promoted to Major in December and took over command of A Company. Other promotions saw Brom Deegan promoted to MWO and Mr Rob Gliddon promoted to Captain.

Commissioned from the ranks, promoted to Captain and imprisoned as the Battalion Adjutant, was Captain Darby Whitebone. Capt Whitebone still complains about the stitches in his forehead.



Capt (Radar) McCully

2007 saw several highlights for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. The Regiment sponsored the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Canadian Infantry Association. The AGM was held at Jefferson Armouries between 23 and 25 May 2007. Presentations by Col Burt, Col Simms, Col Neasmith, Col Aitchison as well as a host of others, considered the future options which the Infantry Corps needs to examine in order to remain a viable and capable fighting force. Representatives from all Infantry regiments and all levels of command attended the conference.

With 2008 on the doorstep, the Loyal Eddies are busy preparing for the 100th anniversary of the Regiment. Training and operations will continue as we celebrate our centennial. Any and all Patricia's are welcome to join us in the jubilations and our activities.

Canadian Forces College Patricia's with the Colonel-in Chief



Greater Toronto Area Patricia's with the Colonel-in Chief



Captain Adam West is Badged by the Colonel-in-Chief

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS NOW FORM PART OF THE RIFLES

On 1 February 2007 The Rifles were formed out of a merger of The Royal Green Jackets (RGJ), The Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry (DDLI) merged with The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry (RGBWLI) and The Light Infantry (LI). The Royal Green Jackets and The Light Infantry each contributed 2 battalions to the new regiment and the DDLI and RGBWLI amalgamated into one battalion just prior to the creation of The Rifles. The new regiment consists of 5 Regular battalions (1-5 RIFLES), 2 Territorial Army battalions (6&7 RIFLES), 2 Independent Territorial Army companies and over 100 affiliated Cadet Detachments. The numbers makeup is about 460 Regular Officers, 220 Territorial Army Officers, 4,500 Regular Riflemen, 1,500 Territorial Army Riflemen and some 12,000 affiliated Cadets (Army Cadet Force and Combined Cadet Force). The Regular battalions are now stationed permanently in Chepstow (1 RIFLES) on the English/Welsh border; Ballykinler, Northern Ireland (2 RIFLES); Edinburgh (3 RIFLES); Bulford Camp, Salisbury (4 RIFLES) and Alanbrooke Barracks Paderborn, Germany (5 RIFLES).

The frequent 3-6 yearly battalion moves (Arms plotting) to different theatres in different roles are now a thing of the past and the battalions of The Rifles will now remain in their permanent home base locations and go forth from there on operations. The Territorial Army battalions are based on Wyvern Barracks, Exeter, Devon (6 RIFLES) and Brock Barracks, Reading Berkshire (7 RIFLES) and the Independent Companies D (Rifles) Company Bishop Auckland, Durham and E (Rifles) Company Shrewsbury, Shropshire. All battalions are in proper main line operational brigades and their roles range from Armoured Infantry (5 RIFLES), Mechanised Infantry (4 RIFLES), Light Role Infantry (2 & 3 RIFLES) and Commando Support (1 RIFLES). These different roles offer a unique pallet of career and specialist opportunities to every member of the regiment. 4 RIFLES (formerly 2 RGJ) returned from an operational tour in Basra, Iraq in mid December 2007. They took over from 2 RIFLES (formerly 1 RGJ) in March/April 2007. 1 RIFLES (formerly DDLI) had just completed an operational tour in Iraq prior to merger and 3 RIFLES came back from individual company postings in Iraq and Afghanistan early and mid 2007. Two of our battalions have been warned for operational tours in Iraq and Afghanistan in the next 12-18 months. The Territorial Army contribution has been significant in the form of composite companies and lots of individual reinforcements for both Iraq and Afghanistan. A composite company of 6 RIFLES (Exeter) returned from Afghanistan in May 2007 and a composite company of 7 RIFLES (Reading & London) is currently serving in Afghanistan.

The high operational tempo has given the new and young regiment a true baptism of fire and has helped to bind it early on in its existence through common operational experience. Hardly a patrol or convoy, in all the operational theatres, returned to base without having had some sort of contact or fire fight often at uncomfortably close quarters employing every weapon in the armoury including hand-grenades. Having returned to base they were then additionally exposed to intense mortaring. Testimony to their steadiness under fire is the excellent basic and pre-operational training they get before deployment. Since forming on the 1st of February 2007 we have had 8 operational fatalities and an uncomfortably high casualty rate with severe injuries and loss of limbs, sight and other lasting damage which will require life long support and aftercare.

The Rifles as a large/large regiment offers all ranks greater career opportunities. There are now 7 Commanding Officers slots, 7 Regimental Sergeant Major slots, 70 odd Warrant Officers posts in the region of 110 Colour Sergeants slots plus a high proportion of ring-fenced extra regimental appointments – far more than any of the individual forming regiments could offer previously. Officer recruitment is going well. The large/large regiment with 5 Regular battalions and 2 Territorial battalions offers very many more and varied career opportunities than single battalion regiments did previously. Riflemen recruiting is holding up well. Here we value in particular the important county, regional and most importantly family loyalties and connections that the forming regiments have brought with them and which we are keen to nurture. Individuals will continue to move between battalions as career moves, on promotion or request or as the exigencies of the Army requires.

The Colonel-in-Chief of The Rifles is HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Each battalion has a minor Royal as their battalion Royal Colonel. The Freedoms of cities, towns and boroughs of the forming regiments have been carried forward as have all Affiliations and Alliances at home and overseas.

The merger and amalgamation of the four proud regiments forming The Rifles, with a history and traditions stretching back to 1685, has not been without same pain and sadness. However all the serving elements of the forming regiments have come together very willingly and are very keen and proud to be able to adopt the ethos and traditions of the "Riflemen". The Rifles look to the future with confidence and anticipation and with the support of the "Old and Bold" of their forming and antecedent regiments we will succeed.

The motto of The Rifles is "**Swift and Bold**".



MONUMENT DEDICATED TO SERVICEMEN FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA WHO FELL IN KOREA

An unveiling Ceremony took place on the lower mainland at 1:00 PM on Saturday, 14 July 2007 that may well be a first in Canadian history. Korean immigrants, now Canadian citizens, have not only raised almost one million dollars, they have built a most impressive memorial.

This initiative by the 60,000 strong Korean-Canadian Community based in the area of the City of Burnaby specifically recognized the 36 servicemen from British Columbia who made the supreme sacrifice during the Korean War 1950/53 and during the Peacekeeping period 1953/56.

Their names were engraved on the Central Park Memorial (corner of Boundary Road and Kingsway Road) including rank, surname, given Names, decorations and unit. Total Canadian casualties were 516 killed, 1,558 wounded and countless others suffer from post traumatic stress syndrome.

Approximately 100 servicemen from British Columbia were wounded during the Korean War.

Korea remains as Canada's third bloodiest war, after WWI and WWII and, just ahead of the South African War, the last colonial war more than a century ago. Canadian servicemen and women are putting their lives in harm's way at this very moment in Afghanistan.

The Korean War, often called the Forgotten War, is worthy of a thought or two by Canadians.

I respectfully ask you to look up at Mount Washington on Vancouver Island when you have the opportunity. Canadian soldiers assaulted a mountain, 1,267 meters high, the height you now ski and snowboard on Mount Washington.

It was 30 March 1951, the snow was deep, it was freezing cold and, the 'welcome wagon' was not there to greet us. Fortunately resistance was relatively light. I weighed about 155 lbs in those days carrying about 55 lbs of equipment including a rifle, grenades, rations and an old WWII army blanket.

We commenced our upward challenge about sea level. It took us about two days and one night, almost non-stop, to climb, fight and capture the mountain.

On behalf of all servicemen who served in Korea, we are humbled and honoured.

John Bishop
Regional President, Korea Veterans Association of B.C.
Cobble Hill, B.C

The memorial project was sponsored and driven by the Canadian Korean Community in the Burnaby area and spearheaded on behalf of his comrades by KVA Canada regional vice president, Doug Germaine. Doug is co-chair of the project.



NORTH OF 60 PATRICIAS

By: MWO Neatby

Greetings from all serving and retired Patricia's in the three Territories! Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northern) continues to provide support to 16 cadet corps in Yukon, Northwest Territory and Nunavut.



After WO Dave Johnson departed the North I am the sole surviving Patricia in the unit. The year has been busy with Regional Biathlon, cadet skills and marksmanship competitions. All that and visits to cadet corps in Fort Smith, Hay River, and Cambridge Bay. Summer Cadet Camp was also very busy and gave me an opportunity to view the training conducted there. The PPCLI Cadet Corps where well represented at the Whitehorse Cadet Camp, cadets from Winnipeg, Estevan, Edmonton and Yellowknife. These cadets were gathered together on August 10th to pay tribute to the founding of the Regiment.

1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group continues to conduct training and sovereignty exercises throughout the North. Sgt Kevin Stevens has retired from the Regular Force and taken a Class B job with the Rangers, as a Ranger Instructor





(the same job he was doing before). Kevin Baker also retired and remained in the North. He is currently working in one of the diamond mines. Sgt Steve Ambrose has turned in his bolt action Lee-Enfield for fancier firearms in Petawawa. Newly posted in is Capt Eugene Squires, who has taken on two jobs, one as Officer Commanding Junior Rangers and two as the unit Adjutant. Warrant Officer Perry Gresty is the firm hold on the ground, working with the Junior Rangers.

Joint Task Force North has two Patricias. Capt Rob Pettigrew moved from J5 plans to J7 training. In J3 Operations Capt James L'Heureux continues to man the operations centre just in case something happens. Retired Patricias can also be found in the North. Over in the Yukon, Andy and Doris Anderson have given up carrying water and maintaining a generator, they now have a new house with power and running water. Reg Laurenson also resides in the Yukon and works out at the Cadet Camp. Les Leighton and Wayne Jure can be found at the jail (employed at the jail).

IN THE SHADOW OF PARLIAMENT HILL

by MWO T.P. Power

Patricias in Ottawa have enjoyed a busy and eventful 2007 in the Nation's Capital, immersed in the daily routine of supporting domestic and international operations. We maintain the identity of a fine Regiment whose cap badge is known across the land and particularly Ottawa. The Regiment again, paid a heavy price during combat operations in Afghanistan in 2007. Whether riding the bus, walking through a mall or within the walls of NDHQ itself, many stop to say, "Thanks for your Regiment's sacrifice" and offer their condolences to the fallen. We are a very visible Regiment and we here in Ottawa along with our venerable Association, are proud of our distinction and work hard representing you well.

2007 has been a year marked with important Regimental events and visits. Ottawa Patricias were fortunate to have Lady Patricia visit on two occasions. During her March visit with her granddaughter, Miss Alexandra Knatchbull, Patricias from St Jean and their spouses were able to join us to host Lady Patricia for a very memorable time. The PPCLI Association and Burma Star Association also hosted Lady Patricia, as did the Colonel of the Regiment and many of the past Colonels of the Regiment, at well-attended dinners. We were fortunate to see Lady Patricia again during her August visit. She was able to slow down somewhat and enjoy the beauty of Ottawa and the Rideau Canal. A cruise in an antique boat into the city centre was a particular highlight of her visit and a special occasion for the fortunate few who accompanied her. Lady Patricia was recognized for her incredible service to Canada and the Regiment during an intimate Ceremony at Rideau Hall where she was presented the Meritorious Service Cross, an event that was well attended by Patricias. It was a perfect day and the Governor General was gracious in her praise of the many years of dedicated service Lady Patricia has given us. On both of Lady Patricia's trips to Ottawa, she honoured our fallen during sombre visits to Beechwood National Military Cemetery. For many of us, this was our last occasion to enjoy a visit from our Colonel-in-Chief.

Patricias in Ottawa work in every Command and almost every Unit, including the Ceremonial Guard and our presence makes a positive impact. It is with open arms that we welcome the arrival of new Patricias to the experience of serving at National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) and an excellent quality of life in Ottawa. We are no less busy or challenged than those serving at schools or battalions. A posting to Ottawa is an exceptional experience and those arriving with operational experience help lead change and influence the Army of tomorrow. This year we said farewell to a few of our Patricias who have given us many years of stellar service. In particular, LCol Thompson, CWO Comeau and Sgt Reid passed the torch to others.

Remembrance Day in Ottawa is an experience not to be missed, with tens of thousands participating and cheering on our Veterans and serving soldiers. After the National Ceremonies, the Association hosted all Patricias, serving and retired, at a well-attended annual gathering at the site of the Regiment's first parade in Lansdowne Park. During the November Boards and Regimental meetings, members of the Regiment and Association were able to socialize and catch up on old news at an informal gathering at a local pub, and all had a great time. Patricias are alive and well in Ottawa. See your career manager soon because the NDHQ vacancies are filling quickly. VP

KINGSTON PATRICIAS

Another year has come and gone with perhaps the most unusual aspect being that LCol's Marv Makulowich, Shane Brennan and Bryan Bailey managed to find themselves together at Royal Military College (RMC) on full-time second language training in January. We are not sure if the French Department has recovered, but we are confident that they were all well entertained!

The Annual Posting Season (APS) saw the departure of LCol Makulowich to Rheindahlen, Germany to join the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps Headquarters (ARRC HQ). LCol Brennan relinquished command of the Joint Operations Group and was posted to NDHQ. LCol Martin Kenneally departed the Staff College to assume command of 3 PPCLI, while LCol Ian Hunt, also of the Staff College, took his release but remains in the Kingston Area. Fortunately, LCol Dave Banks was posted into the Staff College to bolster the ranks. After a full career, Capt Bob Ascah hung up his spurs as the Land Force Doctrine & Training System Headquarters (LFDTS HQ) Adjutant and elected to retire in the Kingston area. The Technical Staff College graduated two Patricias this year; Capt Andy Andersen was posted to the Infantry School, while Master Gunner Art Chase happily returned to the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre. LCol Doug Delaney was promoted and remains gainfully employed at RMC as a professor in the War Studies department. Those who moved to different positions within Kingston were Maj Don Furuness who commenced work with the Directorate of Army Doctrine and Capt Bob Thibeau who became the first Aboriginal training coordinator with CDA HQ. MWO Chris Waugh departed Canadian Defence Academy (CDA) HQ and returned to 2 PPCLI as the QMSI. New to Kingston this past year were MWO John Hooyer who was posted into the newly created MWO position in the Army Lessons Learned Centre and Sgt Joe Wysman who works in LFDTS HQ and has re-tooled himself into a surprisingly good hockey goalie. In Directorate of Army Training, LCol Shaun Tymchuk was enticed out of a very short retirement in order to lead the Professional Development section and Maj Sean Hackett returned following his sabbatical in Staff College Toronto. Maj Brian Hynes returned to his roots and is now the CO of the Ceremonial Guard where he reportedly spends most of his free time grooming his bearskin. Tragically, the big news locally was the death of Capt Matt Dawe in July. Upon redeployment, Capt Matt Dawe was to be posted to Kingston which would have re-united him with his parents, his brother and his wife's immediate family. The Kingston community collectively mourned one of their own in an overwhelming manner. News of his death filled the local media for over a week. When the Dawe family graciously opened up the memorial service to the public, over 2,500 residents packed the RMC Field House to pay their respects. Likewise, family and friends and Patricias flew in from all across the world to honour Capt Matt Dawe's life. Even Don Cherry stopped by the reception for a few private moments with the family. The pillars of his life eulogized him: his parents, his brothers - Patricia's LCol Peter, Capt Phil and Capt (Ret'd) James Dawe, his friend - Patricia Lt Reg McMichael and his wife Tara who was accompanied by two year old son Lucas. As the procession exited the memorial service, the PPCLI Regimental Quick March was played and sung by all those in attendance.





PATRICIAS LEADING THE WAY AT CANADIAN FORCES LEADERSHIP AND RECRUIT SCHOOL (CFLRS)

By Sgt A.J. McConnell

It has been another productive year for the Patricias posted to the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS). In total, there are 20 Patricias posted to CFLRS with the majority of them primarily functioning as instructors. Some are employed as Section Commanders and others as Platoon Warrants or Commanders. MWO Kevin Lewis is the Sergeant Major of C Division. No matter what the title, our NCO's on the ground at CFLRS are performing with the highest level of professionalism and pride, in true Patricia fashion.



Our guys here who are instructing are continually looking for, and implementing wherever possible, ways to improve the Training Plan with regard to both Recruit and Junior Officer Leadership training. For example, this year saw the first use of the CH-147 Griffon helicopters in support of a Recruit Course's final exercise in the field. WO Von Kalben, who is a Platoon Commander for a recruit course, co-ordinated with his sister platoon and our local 438 Squadron and was able to conduct the week long final exercise while incorporating the two helicopters that were provided. The platoons were inserted into the training area and conducted link-ups before moving to their respective "Forward Operating Bases", which have been built in the area over the last two years. The recruits conducted a number of "missions" with the support of the Griffons and finished the week, which turned out to be the highlight of their course. In a similar initiative, Sgt Geoff Nevill and Sgt Alex Hon organised a "final assault" to sum up their recruits' field training which made use of the Farnham areas small

(but better than nothing) Urban Operations training area. With a view toward evolving the Training Plan further, an initiative is being put forward by MWO Lewis to expand the Urban Operations site. This would not only support the scenario based training, which is now heavily embedded into the field training portion, but would also allow the Schools' Combat Arms personnel to sharpen their skills on a regular basis. In addition, I put forward this year a proposal for CFLRS to purchase "Simunition" equipment to be used in the final field week of Recruit and Officer training. Simunition is a product, much like paintball, which allows the soldier to use his own weapon to train. Sgt Ross Weaver has



One Last Farewell Salute



recently been recognised with a Canadian Defence Academy (CDA) Commendation. He is continually working to improve the standard of training taking place and his constant suggestions up the chain of command in order to improve the daily routine within the school itself have proven invaluable. MWO Lewis also received a CDA Commendation for his excellent work in the organisation of the Vimy Ridge 90th Anniversary parade which involved over 500 hundred recruits, 100 veterans and dignitaries. He also sits on the board for

Sgts Neville, MacDougall and MCpl Macdonald Prepare for a Jump



Sgt Shaw
(Spartans Martial Arts founder)
with Honorary
Instructor,
UFC Champion
George St Pierre

the Military Family Resource Center and is a constant support for the families of the Patricias at the school. He has worked tirelessly to assist these families in any problem they may have and is constantly encouraging the Patricias at the school to take the initiative and set the standard. Sgt Terry Shaw was recognised as well with a CO's Commendation. Sgt





Shaw worked extremely hard this year to make his vision of a Canadian Forces (CF) club which would offer training in a variety of Martial Arts to anyone interested. It has been a bumpy road to start, but the end of 2007 saw the official stand-up of the Spartans Martial Arts Club. The Club required the creation of an executive committee led by Sgt Shaw, the President and joined by Sgt Weaver, Sgt Weibe, MWO Lewis, and Sgt McConnell. The goal is to expand the club across the CF to a number of bases. The Club's first major event was an exciting night which saw the Spartans, with the help of Sgt Geoff Nevell and Sgt Dwayne Macdougall, rappel-face first into

CFLRS Team Wins General Dellaire Challenge 4th Year in a Row



Sgt McConnell Graciously Says Goodbye to Lady Patricia



a crowd of 10,000 fans at the Bell Center to open a major mixed martial arts event. This was a proud night for the Patricias at CFLRS.

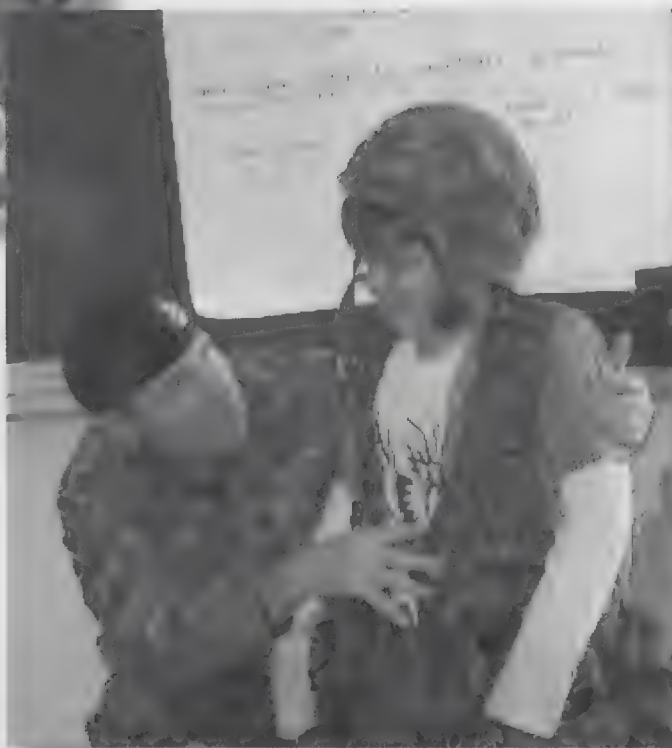
This year has seen the posting out of a few and posting in of more. Those who left were WO Joe Stang, Sgt James O'Neil, and the always famous Cpl Frank Monaghan. We miss you in the Vault Frank! The next 12 months will be busy for sure; this is a record-breaking year at CFLRS as it will see more recruits this year than in its 40 year history. Nonetheless, we are committed to this mission, and try to make a difference as we do.



Spartans Descend into the Bell Centre During TKO Fight Night



Sergeant-Major Kevin Lewis





SUFFIELD PATRICIAS

Hello from the Patricias in CFB Suffield. It has been a few years since an article was submitted to the Patrician from Suffield so some may have forgotten that there are PPCLI soldiers in Southern Alberta. We still have a strong, albeit small, influence here in this part of Alberta. There have been a few changes in the personnel here. Recently the former PPCLI Base Commander LCol Drew, changed jobs and is now currently training at CFB Edmonton for the position of the Operational Mentoring Liaison Team (OMLT) Commander for the upcoming tour in February 2008 to Afghanistan. Our new Base Commander LCol Bruce is also a member of the PPCLI family, as well the Chief of Staff, Maj McKnight and Base RSM CWO Palmer.

Some soldiers in Suffield have had excitement over the last few years with such things as additions to their families, while others are merely enjoying living the life in a small prairie community.

Sgt Stu Waldron has been traveling a lot lately and recently returned from a trip to Las Vegas. He has changed jobs from Section Commander in the Field Operations Section the Operations Room to Second-in-Command (2IC). MCpl Robin Burke recently started training for the 2008 Canadian Death Race, a 125 km 24-hour ultra-marathon in Grand Cache, AB. In addition to his hunting in the fall, he is kept busy with his wife and two children. MCpl Smith moved here in the summer of 2007 to support his new wife who is attending the Medicine Hat College. He enjoys the Base life here in Southern AB, in particular, the large number of deer and elk that are available to hunt (off the base!). Cpl Derek Bergseth has been keeping up on his knife making as well as checking his families trap line in Northern AB. He now has three sons who share their father's interests of guns and hunting. Derek arrived in CFB Suffield in 2002 and hopes to get posted back to Battalion soon. Cpl Justin Burt arrived in CFB Suffield mid summer 2007 shortly after a tour in Afghanistan. Justin is enjoying the family atmosphere of the Base and is starting his own family with a baby girl due in March 2008. Another member of our family here in Suffield is Cpl Darcy Carroll. After 25 years with the Patricias, Darcy is retiring sometime in April 2008, he plans on continuing to live in Naton, AB and working at a golf course to occupy his time. Another expecting father is Cpl John Drew. He is expecting a new baby on 19 June 2008. John keeps himself busy and in shape playing for the CFB Suffield Hockey Team. John arrived here this summer along with Cpl Burt and enjoys the work he has been doing here so far. Cpl Tony Forbes has spends a lot of time relaxing with his family and keeping busy with his duties as the Treasurer of the Auto Club. He plans on retiring from the military in the near future after twenty-six years of service. Cpl Billy Madison has been in CFB Suffield for a few years. He has been the Vice President of the Auto Club for several years and on his time off he keeps busy wearing out his new car by delivering pizzas. Cpl Brendan Massey has currently decided to change trades to Aviation Technician. He hunts a lot during the fall and is still the base's reining bench press champ by pressing an impressive 500 lbs. Happily entrenched in Suffield is Cpl Ken Merritt. Ken, wife and kids are happily living in the Suffield community. Ken plans on retiring in the next few years and keeps busy being involved in many community organizations. Cpl Wesley Spencer arrived in CFB Suffield in the summer of 2007 and is another member here with a child on the way. His wife is actually expecting twins in early May 2008. During the winter months he keeps busy playing for the Base Hockey Team and during the fall he spends his time hunting deer.

The current CFB Suffield Patricians are as follows: LCol Bruce, LCol Corry, Maj McKnight, CWO Palmer, Sgt Waldron, MCpl Burke, MCpl Smith, Cpl Bergseth, Cpl Burt, Cpl Carroll, Cpl Drew, Cpl Forbes, Cpl Madison, Cpl Massey, Cpl Merritt, Cpl Spencer, and two former Patricia soldiers: MCpl Knipstrom is now currently an MP and MCpl Andrews Land Communication and Information Systems Technician. Both serving at CFB Suffield.

With the exception of the Base Headquarters (HQ) Staff, the majority of PPCLI soldiers in Suffield work out of the G3 Range Control Operations Cell. The Patricias are split between two Field Operations Sections (FOS) Fire Crews and are mixed in with other combat arms personnel from various units throughout the country. The FOS's main role is to fight and put out the many grass fires that occur during the British and Canadian training which takes place in Suffield from early spring until fall. During the high threat fire season of mainly July and August, the crew may deploy to one of three field stations close to the on-going training in order to cut down on the deployment time for fighting



the fires. This is important due to the massive size of the training area, where it might take more than one hour just to drive out to the fire from Range Controls location. In addition to the FOS personnel, there are several personnel who work in the Range Control Operations Centre. Their duties involve the command and control and overall safety of personnel traveling and working in the training area. Due to the enormous amount of training and other activities going on, the Operations Centre can be a very stressful and demanding job on even the most veteran Junior NCO.

During the fall a lot of maintenance takes place in the training area with repairs fencing and disturbed land. The Patricias supervise and assist in a training area wide range sweep conducted by the British at the end of their training serial for the year. During the late fall our work shifts to focusing on wildlife and hunting patrols. CFB Suffield is a protected area and the large number of elk, deer and antelope on the Base may prove tempting to some people but we deter their temptations.

The rest of the year we keep up on with our personal fitness training as well as personal soldier training, such as the Battle Fitness Test, Personal Weapons Test and other Base defense training. So from the all the Patricias in Suffield have a great and exciting year and hopefully we will see you all in our neck of the woods (if we had any woods) in the future.



Regimental Artist

Award-winning photographer and artist, Silvia Pecota, born in Toronto in 1961, had an interest in art from an early age. Drawing turned into photography and to this day her camera is always ready. She was the first Canadian woman to hold an exhibition in the former Soviet Union and has also exhibited in Canada, Germany, Italy and Australia

Silvia Pecota was also selected as an Artist for the Army (Canadian Forces Artist Program) and is presently working on a book on the Canadian Soldier. During her recent assignment in Kandahar, (February 2006), Silvia exhibited a selection of "Canadian" prints at "Canada House" (Kandahar Airfield) - bringing a little "Olympic" spirit to the troops.

Silvia Pecota is a great supporter of the Regiment, the Army and the Canadian Forces; she is the Regiment's designated artist.



VISIT TO KOREA

By Mrs Patty Braun

Our journey to Kapyong began on 22 August 2006. That day the world stopped turning as we learned my son and children's brother, Corporal David Braun, was killed by a suicide bomber at Kandahar, Afghanistan.



The Braun Family at Kapyong, Korea

When we attended a memorial service for David at Shilo, I noticed the PPCLI building had a sign in front of it that said - Kapyong Barracks. Prior to David going to Afghanistan I had read a book about the history of the PPCLI. I recalled that Kapyong was a significant part of the Regiment's history, in particular 2 PPCLI.

As she had been planning before David's death, my daughter Daina, and her boyfriend Scott, left in January, 2007 for Kangnung, South Korea to teach English. I had decided that I would visit her the following summer, and asked my sons Chris and Michael to accompany me.

Since we were going to be in Korea I thought we should go to Kapyong. I was put in touch with Captain Rob McConechy and asked if he could help me find the best way to get to Kapyong from Seoul. He responded informing me Sergeant Leanne St-Jean from the Canadian embassy in Seoul would escort us to Kapyong. This was much more than I expected. These military people really deliver!





On a rainy 4 August, 2007, myself, Daina, Chris, Michael and Scott found our way (there are no street signs or numbers) to the Canadian embassy in Seoul. We were met by Sergeant St-Jean and



driver, Mr. Kim. In the pouring rain what should have been a three hour round trip to Kapyong took six as a result of holiday traffic. As we arrived at Kapyong the rain miraculously stopped. The Kapyong memorial is a beautiful tribute to our Canadian soldiers, especially 2 PPCLI, who were so instrumental in the Kapyong battle. Sergeant St-Jean showed us the hill where the Patricias were situated during the battle. It was hard to imagine the lush green hills devoid of their foliage showing bare rock and dirt.



Sergeant St-Jean also showed us the school attended by students who are recipients of a PPCLI bursary. We are very honoured that David was a member of 2 PPCLI and it's proud history at Kapyong. Our visit was an important part of our Korean experience.

Thank you Captain Rob and Sergeant Leanne!



President's Report

Since being elected the President of the PPCLI Association many challenges have been put to Council, and with a new Executive who are just getting their feet wet, it is amazing what they have done. The PPCLI Association is in good hands and we are working hard to keep it that way.

With the knowledge of the present Executive I believe that we will meet all the challenges and accomplish our aim as we prepare for another point in our history of the Regiment, the 100th Anniversary in 2014. For the Association it will be a challenge and a lot of hard work by the members of Council, membership and the Executive. With the dedication of the membership and Council we will prevail. In preparation for the 100th many proposals have been put on the table by the Regimental Executive Committee (REC) and as we progress the plan is intensive. The Executive and the members of Council have made great strides on a number of issues that face the Association. My dealings with Council have been very positive we have a plan for the future of the Association.

It is somewhat difficult to explain all the work and the involvement that the Executive and Council have taken on. Since taking office, I have attended three REC meetings and during those meetings the Association has been a topic of discussion and during those discussion we as an Association have received our share of accolades from the serving component for what a great job we are doing as an Association with the projects we are managing: VPP program; OP SMALL PACK; The HGMF to name a few are all Association programs. Plus many other projects we have taken on.

We still have some hurdles to overcome: the major one being membership. The Membership Committee is working hard to increase our membership; however, it is up to our members to sell our Association and recruit more members. They are out there and we need their support. We must also close the gap between the serving component and the Association and be more visible. We must build and expand our Branch membership before we, as an Association, venture into projects and tasks for the 100th Anniversary. We must have all our ducks in order and the membership must be briefed fully and so they understand what lies ahead!

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Victoria in late August I will brief the membership on all the on-going activities and all sub committees will be given time on the agenda for their presentations.

Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia

Bert Scott
President
PPCLI Association

**Bert & Eleanor Scott at
the 60th Anniversary**





PPCLI Association 60th Anniversary













PPCLI Association 60th Anniversary





KINGSTON BRANCH

The Kingston Branch had a year that was full of mixed emotion and change. We were stronger for the difficult times because of our Regimental comradeship. We managed to celebrate with our serving comrades our Regimental Day; an informal gathering despite many of the retired members working in support of Staff College exercises. The good old boys Richard Cowling, Chris Wellwood, Dave Martin, Mike Ray, Ray Honig, Mike McKeown, Mark Fisher, Greg Soucie, Jim Calvin and Phil Tweedy are just some of the many part-timers who continue their dedicated service and support to the many training events here in Kingston. There are many more affiliated arms and services friends of the Regiment who make these training events even more enjoyable. The core of regular staff at the Army Simulation Centre remains Ron Bragdon and Dave Pentney, while Jay Lapeyre retired after his twelve years with the Centre.

We were all greatly saddened with the untimely death of Captain Mathew Dawe who many of us watched develop into a fine young man and officer while growing up with some our own siblings here in Kingston. The outpouring of affection and support to the Dawe family continues with contact to the family and his courageous widow Tara and son Lucas. We also maintain contact with Cynthia Hess-Von Krudener and she has been a welcome member of our Association.

The Branch is looking forward to increasing our membership (20% growth this year) and building on the great work started by Louis and Heather Grimshaw and Dave and Janet Pentney who started the Branch in 1998. The Grimshaw family continue their great spirit of dedicated support to us and their community. Local projects in support of our 100th will commence in earnest this year. Special acknowledgement to Arthur Neadow who is working on his postgraduate degree and willingly volunteers without hesitation. Robert (Bob) Ascah celebrated his retirement following decades of service to his Regiment and country by taking on the secretary/treasurer duties from Lou Grimshaw. Shaun Tymchuk is back in uniform after retiring last September (2006).

MANITOBA/NORTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH

Our first function in 2007 was the Branch Annual Meeting in January. As this was 'mid-term' there were no elections. On March 18th we held our customary Regimental Day social afternoon in the Charleswood Legion and, on April 12th, a few of our members were in Shilo for Second Battalion's Change of Command where Lieutenant-Colonel S.J. Sharpe, MSM, CD, handed over to Lieutenant-Colonel G.D. Corbould, CD.



Manitoba/Northwest Ontario Branch Flag Party



Our Barbecue at the Charleswood Legion on June 23rd was definitely a success, with 47 members and guests attending. Master Chef Len King and his Sous Chefs, Maureen Blake and Susan Holfeuer produced an outstanding meal at a very reasonable price. After the meal, some of the more ambitious tested their athletic prowess in a game of Lawn Darts and that ancient Italian game of Bocce, while the rest indulged in that even more ancient game – chewing the fat. In spite of a gloomy forecast, the rain held off during our 21st Annual Golf Tournament at the Assiniboine Golf Club on August 24th. Unfortunately, so did the players. We were only able to muster eight players – and four of them were guests. Once again the Ryan family was the powerhouse. Paul, with 72, was awarded the President's Cup for the Tournament's Low Gross score and his wife Gillian was the Best Lady Golfer. A few of the regulars did not make it to our Annual Dinner at the Charleswood Legion on October 14th, but those members and guests who did attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had an excellent meal, prepared and served by the Charleswood Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Our final function for the year was the Second Battalion's Christmas Dinner on December 12th. About 15 of our Winnipeg members and a couple from Brandon made the trip to Shilo to sit down with the troops and enjoy the traditional turkey and trimmings before adjourning to the Officers' Mess for their 'At Home' to the Warrant Officers and Sergeants. In addition to our Branch functions, our Branch Flag Party has been busy representing the PPCLI Association at numerous commemorative events, parades and memorial services throughout the year.

The Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch meets for an informal 'Old Buddy' session on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) at the Charleswood Branch No. 100, Royal Canadian Legion, 6003 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg. Drop by sometime when you're in town.

VANCOUVER BRANCH

We started our year off with a visit by Lady Patricia on the occasion of her retiring as our Colonel-in-Chief. Instead of our usual Regimental Luncheon, we had a Reception at the Seaforth Armoury on Sunday, March 18 2007. We had 96 attendees including Lady Patricia and her escorts. We also had members & their Ladies from the Burma Star, Lynn Valley Legion, Countess Mountbatten's Own Legion of Frontiersmen-Western Command, several ex-Patricias & serving members in the area, and of course, members of the Vancouver Branch and their Ladies. Though her time with us was shorter than we would have liked, everyone was thrilled to have the chance to meet and converse with Lady Patricia. We also had the joy of seeing Don Urquhart present her with his book "Sam's Sloppy Sniper Section". She sent us a very gracious thank you note while still in the middle of her travels. She will be missed as Colonel in Chief. On Sunday, 22 April 2007 we met in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess of the Seaforth Armoury for our Annual Branch General Meeting. A total of nine members were present. Enough for a quorum and the existing Executive was re-elected. Dan Ipsen was elected as a Director to replace Don Urquhart who passed on 6 April 2007. Unfortunately the Branch had to say good-bye to several stalwarts this year. We lost Bill Riddell, Stewart Hart, Bill Hutchinson, Mike Levy, Ken Stewart and Don Urquhart. Don's Celebration of Life was attended by approximately 500 members of the Vancouver Police Department, Patricias, Legion, KVA, and Chinese & Korean Communities. He was a man of many talents. Though we have lost six members through death, we gained three new members over the course of the year. On Sunday, August 19th 2007 we had our Annual BBQ. Unfortunately our numbers were way down as we had to change the date to accommodate members who were traveling to the Association's Annual General Meeting in Calgary. Though the numbers were low a good time was had by all and the weather was decent. The President and Secretary attended the National AGM in Calgary, and though the President made the Council Meeting and the Meet'n'Greet he had to forego the rest of the events due to health problems. Apparently altitude can play havoc with your medications. On Sunday, December 2nd we held our annual Christmas Party at the home of Jenny Urquhart, with a total of ten Members, their Ladies and one Baby present. Vancouver decided to treat us to some Edmonton type weather; hence the poor turnout, but those present had a nice afternoon.



**Stan Chaykowski,
Lady Patricia,
Don and Jenny Urquhart**

CALGARY BRANCH

All members of the Calgary Branch are constantly watching the news and are very proud of our serving Patricias. We also take personally each and every loss of the brave soldiers serving in Afghanistan. We understand how hard it is on your families and will try to do our best to support you in anyway we can. The Branch asks that if you are in Calgary to stop in and visit. Please call (403) 249-8107 ask for Bob to get timings of our meetings or just to say "hi" and have a coffee.

To say the branch had a busy year would be an understatement!! We started off the 2007 with the news that the Colonel-In-Chief, The Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma, had decided to retire and that The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson would be her successor. This makes another first for the PPCLI, being the first Canadian regiment to have a Canadian Colonel-in-Chief.



Felicia Loykowski Posing with the Poster She Designed

12 January 2007 LCol C.R. King, Commander Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre Wainwright and LCol D.J. Anderson, CO 1 PPCLI accompanied by the RM and new Museum Staff visited with Members of the Calgary Branch that volunteer at the museum. The fact finding mission was to draw information from us on our thoughts on how we felt the museum is run and what improvements need to be made. As well, LCol King informed us on improvements and changes that will be made in the future. This fun and informative meeting was followed by lunch at the curling club. It was felt by the volunteers that good things are in the wind. Our monthly January meeting voted that the old Executive was to remain in place for one more year to finish off the 60th Anniversary of the Association, which took place in Calgary in August. Change of Appointment Ceremonies on 17 March 2007, the reception, and the WOs' and Sgts' mixed dinner on 16 March 2007, provided a great chance to meet many old friends and it was surprising to see how many are still in uniform. The Old Guard had a place of honour on parade and although the parade was short the speeches were long (well one



was so long, that the guy next to me thought that the speaker had been injected with a phonograph needle.)

We were pleased to announce that Bruce Andrews retired from Parking Patrol on the 23 of March 2007. We can now take our cars out of hiding. We wished Bruce and good luck on his second retirement. WO Ron Gallant recently joined the Museum Staff. One morning while seeing the flags flying at the museum he wrote this poem:

FIRST LIGHT

With the approaching dawn light, the flag stirs with the brisk prairie winds
Stretching and dancing itself gloriously into the new day's light
Reflecting the awakening of Canada
Light dances unto its folds like the many personalities it has befriended
Its grey shades in Remembrance of those who have given the supreme sacrifice
Reaching out for prosperity as those reaching out
For the honour of being Canadian
Into the unknown for a brighter existence
Remember thy native sons
Canadian soldiers buried in foreign lands
Protecting sovereignty and world unity.

On 12 May the Calgary PPCLI Cadet Corps held a steak dinner fundraiser at Killarney's in Airdrie, with raffles, auction and prizes. Members of the Calgary Branch were out to support this great bunch of kids. The Military Museums (the new name of the expanded Museums of the Regiments) held Family Days on June 10, July 1st and August 5th. Many members of the Branch attended. All those who volunteer to work at the Patricia Gallery of the Museum, thanks for your hard work. It is very important that visitors hear our history from Patricias.

Sunday May 27th forty-four Veterans and guests teed off in blustery weather at the beautiful Turner Valley Golf & Country Club in support of our annual PPCLI Tournament. However, the Golf Gods shone on us, the skies cleared and we were treated to a wonderful afternoon of Golf. Comments received indicate that all those in attendance had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the Golf and comradeship of the day. I would like to thank my organizing committee for their help and support, particularly with securing sponsors: Frank Jarbeau, Homer Touchette and Doug McNeil. Thank you Mona Limacher & George Arthurson for the team and presentation pictures. Tournaments cannot run without the sponsors, corporate and individual. I would be remiss not to mention them:

Corporate: Calgary Co-op, Canada Cement Lafarge, CIBC, Endurance Technology Ltd., Innovations Technology of Canada Ltd., Novak RV Ltd., Redwood Meadows Golf & Country Club, Spruce Meadows, Stylecraft Printing, Wood Gundy, and the PPCLI Association Calgary Branch.
Individual: Doug McNeil, Frank Jarbeau, John Sinclair, Homer Touchette, Ken Barrett, George Arthurson, Art Johnson, Jerry Bowes, Earl Wicks, Barry Fougault, Mona Limacher.

Individual Winners: long Putt # 2 - Jackie Davis, #18 - John Sinclair, KPs # 5 - Jerry Bowes, # 7 - Keith Packer, # 10 - Maureen Prokopy, # 13 - Jim Novak, and # 15 - John Mac Eachen.

Our Annual Tournament is held on the last Sunday of May each year so mark your calendar for next year. The annual review of the 2554 PPCLI Cadets took place in front of the Museum of the Regiments on Saturday, 9 June 2003. Don Ardelian, the Reviewing Officer gave a meaningful speech explaining how being a cadet himself, used the knowledge and training in the cadet program throughout his life. Both George Couture and Len Roe presented the cadets with awards. The Cadets were well turned out; drill and deportment were second to none. We have to thank the staff of the Corps for producing such a fine unit. Special thanks must go out to Bruce Nickel who has worked extremely hard with these young people. July 13th our Branch assisted in the Fundraising for Capt Green. The fundraising was called Liquid Courage and held during the Stampede at the # 1 Legion in Calgary. Enough was raised to purchase a van for Capt Green and his family with the help of the Association this Branch donated \$1,150.00, thank you for your involvement and let's see who



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fundraiser is this year. The annual RV and BBQ took place from 17 to 19 August, this is open to all Patricias. Everyone had a great time with fireworks, which will be expanded next year. Thanks Jack and Sandi for making a weekend comparable to Christmas!



The Calgary Boys

The 60th Anniversary of the Association was held in Calgary from 31 August to 2 September. The week started off with the arrival of our Patron, The Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma on Wednesday the 29th. Soldiers of Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) and the President of the Association Rudy Raidt met her at the airport. From there, she travelled to the Glenmore Inn where she was pleasantly surprised by a doorman in Scarlet and former members of the Regimental band playing, "A Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion" thanks to Neil Gow and the boys. The good Lady had a brief chat with everyone before retiring. Several Patricias had already arrived on Wednesday for

the weekend occasion. By Friday night, almost everyone was on the ground and the rumour was that a trooping would take place in the hallway of the hotel at midnight. Friday morning saw the registration office with Tom Reid and his crew, Fred Blackmore with the kit shop and his crew all very busy until Saturday noon. Each registration that had a room in the hotel received a wine basket compliments of the Calgary Branch. The Meet and Greet on Friday night saw the Ogden Legion packed with Patricias and their ladies. A great meal was provided by Mike Zacharki and his team, the Regimental Kit Shop was in place as well as, Veterans of Canada, Lloyd Jones with a small display of Regimental artefacts. This was followed by a brief visit from Lady Mountbatten, the new Colonel-In-Chief, Madame Clarkson, and the Colonel of the Regiment. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on Saturday morning with elections and a vote to make the Colonel-in-Chief the Patron of the Association and Lady Mountbatten our Honourary Patron. Both Ladies were present during the meeting with each giving a short heart-warming speech. The wives had a chance to take a bus tour during this time. They toured the three old PMQ areas as well as CFB Calgary, finishing off with a short shopping spree at the Farmers Market in Currie Barracks thanks to Southland Buses. With everyone back by early afternoon this left lots of time to prepare for the dinner and dance. Most of the guys were preparing in the pub, always a good place to find a fellow Patricia. The evening started off with cocktails, then dinner. The music provided by Neil Gow and the Five Knights throughout the evening was marvellous to say the least. Short speeches followed by a presentation to Lady Mountbatten. As a parting gift from the Calgary Branch she was presented with an Ostrich egg. The time-honoured tradition of giving an egg to a dear friend goes back centuries. It is the symbol of true and lasting friendship. The ostrich egg that the Calgary Branch presented to our Honourary Patron was designed and carved by Bob Zubkowski of the Calgary Branch and denotes service of all members of the Association. Carved in the style of World War One Trench Art, the egg depicts the image of people from around the world have of Canada. Three, half-snow flakes rise out of the ground to support the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry association Crest. While five maple leaves support the crest from all sides. Carved in the centre of a medium maple leaf on the upper left is the date, 15 June 1974, when our Patron became Colonel-in-Chief. Carved in the centre of a medium maple leaf on the upper right is the date 17 March 2007, when our Honourary Patron relinquished the title of Colonel-in-Chief. A large maple leaf on the obverse has the following inscription: "For Faithful Service To Your Patricias". Following the presentation the Black Thunder drum line gave a short performance followed by pictures in the hall with the drummers. Neil Gow and the Five Knights had everyone on the dance floor with the first song and kept it rocking all evening. Following the dance many headed for the pub and to rooms where small parties carried on most of the night. Breakfast Sunday morning was provided by a flying kitchen provided by the First Battalion and tentage by CFB Suffield thanks to CWO Dan Palmer and crew. Mike Zacharki and his team were also working with the



kitchen providing a wonderful stampede breakfast. The weather held with a short memorial service at the eternal flame in front of the museum after breakfast. We then said our good byes with people heading off in all directions. We have had lots of complements since then, but none of this would not have been possible with out the hard work of all the volunteers. Thank you very much to the following committees: Planning, Registration, Entertainment, Transportation by CJ, Kit Shop, Photographer Ken Archer, Band, Work parties provided by Earl Wicks and crew, Food and Beverage, and the great staff at the Glenmore Inn. The Branch owes these people, and those who supported us with financial aid a big thank you! September we stopped just long enough to catch our breath and in October the Calgary Branch elected its new executive. Congratulations go out to: Jim Croll – Branch President, Faron Brown - Vice President, Philp Fisher - Secretary, Alec Herdy – Newsletter. The Branch suffered a great loss with the sudden passing of our Secretary Annette Loykowski on 12 October and our hearts go out to her family. In November the Branch was busy with Poppy tagging in the Zellers at Signal Hill. Thank you for those that volunteered to help. With out the help of these volunteers kids would not know the sacrifices made. I thank you very much for making the effort to help them understand. We also participated around the city and area at different memorial services. November we had the honour in having Sgt. Klaus Rimke retired visiting us. He was attached as a Vehicle Technician to 2 PPCLI in Croatia in 1993. Joe Schulz the VP of the Association had the privilege in presenting him with the "The insignia for the Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation" and also gave some background on this award.

At the present time, we are working on the Casino which will take place in May 2008. So if you're looking for the Calgary Branch just look for a dust cloud, because we are on the march again in 2008.

WAINWRIGHT BRANCH

Wainwright has become nearly unrecognizable! For those ex-Patricia types who haven't ventured into East Central Alberta recently you would be stunned by the changes in both the Camp and the Town. The Camp's quaint World War II atmosphere is now entirely erased; there are new married quarters that actually look like real houses, a state of the art Weapons Effects Simulation and training facility, increased staff, major improvements to infrastructure and the training area. The Town now boasts a population of 5,300, a Wal-Mart Supercentre, a Canadian Tire, Boston Pizza and a Tim Horton's, but you will be pleased to learn that there are still only two stop lights and that strange stop sign you have to drive around in the centre of town. This past year has been an active one for the Wainwright Branch with many of our local members continuing to support and participate closely with our serving comrades, whether it is through the Corps of Commissionaires, the Western Area Training Centre, the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre or Camp Wainwright itself.



Ken Ryan, Dave MacDonald, MWO Payette and the Colonel-in-Chief



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**The Komindinas, Bill Miller, Bert Scott, Dave MacDonald, John Smith,
Lady Patricia and the Colonel-in-Chief**

Our membership remains steady at about 35 active members and 20 inactive members. 2007 also saw a number of new members join our ranks, including MWO Kevin Kehoe, Jack Barber, Dave Macdonald, Tom Little, and Sgt James Lavallee. We also experienced a couple of leadership changes. After ten plus brilliant years as branch founding President and now our new National President, Bert Scott handed over the reins as President to Bill Miller. Unfortunately for us, Bill decided to move to Pierceland, Saskatchewan and after a hard-fought leadership battle Paul Mansbridge emerged victorious. The Branch continues to enjoy the opportunity to support the Battle School (did I say thatI meant the LFWA TC of course) as the Old Guard representative for six recruit badging and graduation ceremonies. Fred Goldring from the Edmonton Branch came out twice, while Bill Miller, Wally Komodina, Bert Scott and John Smith each attended once. In April, we were able to make the Branch a little cash by providing security one evening for the Annual Wainwright Buck N' Brawl, an indoor rodeo event that sees some of the countries top cowboys come out and take a run at this years rough stock. Later in the spring we had the good fortune to able to meet our new Colonel in Chief when she visited Wainwright.

The year ended with our annual Christmas get together at the Wainwright Legion. We were able to muster about 36 branch members and their significant others, enjoyed the excellent food and danced well into the evening.





SOUTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH

Again, as in the past few years, our Annual General Meeting was held in the Howard Johnson's Hotel in St Catharine's during the weekend of 4-5 May 2007. Changing from the past, we held the meeting commencing at 1330 hours on Saturday, followed by our meet and greet. Clearly the President was concerned over excessive drinking prior to the meeting (not that the Branch isn't well behaved, especially with wives in the vicinity, but we are Patricias after all). The principal item of new business discussed was the 100th Anniversary project and the membership was presented with a new idea by Bruce Paxton and John Hunter that will, in the Branch's opinion go a long way towards renewal and continuance of our Association.



The dinner was held on Saturday night with some forty-two in attendance. Our guest of honor for this occasion was Master Corporal Glenn Hall and his wife. Glenn served in Croatia with Second Battalion and was presented his Governor Generals Commendation by Jack Palmer who, as many of you know, served in the Regimental Signals Platoon during the Italian Campaign. Glenn was delighted when he also received a PPCLI lapel pin to remind him of his time with the colours. We don't make enough of a fuss over

The Usual Suspects

our tradesmen sometimes, but boy are we sure glad to see them when they show up in the freezing cold to fix our broken down vehicle or tow us out of where we shouldn't have been in the first place.!

We received a few well chosen words from Doug Armstrong on his trip to the rededication ceremony at Vimy Ridge. He was impressed with the ceremony itself and the obvious concern displayed by our Governor General. Doug also laid the association Wreath at this year's Armistice Day Ceremony at the cenotaph in St Catharine's. The final event of the evening was a presentation to Bruce and Leda Paxton for their efforts over the years in support of our Branch. Enough cannot

Jack Palmer, WW II Regimental Signals Platoon

be said to both of them for their caring concern and dedication. We wish them the best on the way ahead



It was a pleasure to welcome new members Paul Hale, Bill Johnson and an old friend from the Second Battalion, Dean Moore. Also this year we had Don Shafel and Ian White join our Branch, both old comrades from Germany in the 80's. This year thankfully our Last Post has been short. Still we mourn the passing of John Gibson on 13 July 2007. John was a member of our Branch for 22 years. We also mourn the loss of Floyd McLaughlin who passed away on 7 August 2007. Gone but ne'er forgotten!

I am pleased to report that some six members of the Branch were able to attend the National AGM in Calgary this past Labor Day weekend. Calgary Branch put on an excellent show and is to be congratulated on running an outstanding dinner. Way too much red wine was consumed and I for one was glad to get safely home again. The best to all, as we look forward to a new year.

EDMONTON BRANCH

The year 2007 was a very active year for the Branch. Almost every month, the 77 regular and 23 associate members were involved in something in or around Edmonton. Our members reside in the areas of Edmonton, Whitehorse, St Paul, Barrhead, Westlock, Ft Smith, Fort Saskatchewan, Spruce Grove, Redwater, Wetaskiwin, St Albert and Stony Plain to name just a few. The old RSM in the sky was very kind to us this year he only called one member to the Battalion in heaven, this being George Gerhart. Besides representation at George's funeral in Irma, members of the Branch also attended funerals and remembrance services for former members of the Regiment - Ed Iftody - Vegreville, John Linville - Westlock, Boots MacDonald - Fort Saskatchewan, Joe Thir - Elk Point, George Debney - Ponoka and Bob Dumont - Saskatoon.

The Edmonton Branch was well represented at the May 8th ceremonies at the new Kipness Center, as well as joining the 49th Loyal Edmonton Regiment commemorate the 90th Anniversary of Passchendale and the WW II Battle of Ortona anniversary. Members of the Branch traveled to Wainwright on several occasions, twice to participate and represent the Old Guard in the graduation parades of two recruit platoons, as well as attending the passing out parade for Exercise BOLD EAGLE 18. BOLD EAGLE is a six week Reservist course for aboriginal teens as an introduction to the military. Some of the students' grandfathers attended and several old acquaintances of the 1950s and 1960s were renewed. The Wainwright Branch also was involved in an exchange of attendance at monthly meetings which was a great success. The Branch was requested by the 2551 Cadet Corps to participate in their annual parade and inspection. At the parade a cheque for \$950 was presented on behalf of the National Association. The Branch was well represented in the Change of Colonel-in-Chief ceremonies and festivities in March. Additionally, one third of the membership attended the 60th Anniversary Festivities in Calgary in the late summer. Frezenberg Day Festivities again were well attended with the annual dinner as was the KapYong theme meeting in April. Memorabilia of Korea, the KapYong battle, photos and what not was both interesting and informative. Several members of the Branch attended the Raynor Ranch festivities with members of the Calgary Branch and a good time was had by all. Our Christmas dinner was well attended with the RM - Major Liebert as our guest. The members made another generous contribution to the Food Bank and Santa's Anonymous. The Branch was represented at the 1st and 3rd Battalions Soldiers' Christmas Dinners. Two active Patricia members who recently returned from Afghanistan, Capt Vivian and MWO Devine attended our November meeting and their hour and half very informative presentation was greatly received and appreciated. Remembrance Day saw our members going to ceremonies and locations of their choice, This saw over 25 members go out and participate in six different locations. For the year 2008, the Branch is anticipating another exciting and fulfilling year. Several have already made plans to go Victoria for the AGM in late August. Many members already are talking about the 95th Anniversary coming up in 2009. Several members also have committed to attend the Canadian Airborne Regiment's 40th Anniversary in June here in Edmonton.

Following are the members of the Edmonton Branch:

George Arndt, Warren Bard, Herman and Olga Barkemeyer, Barny and Marj Barnhart, David and Liz Basham, Ted Bastien and Betty Newman-Jones, Eugene Bekar, Marcel Beztiney, Art and Beth Brochu, Don Brodie, Stephen Chorney, Bob and Nadia Craig, John Demerchant, Gord Descoteaux, Bill Dickson, Mark Eckley, Ralph Elliot, Mike Fawcett, Ralph Funk, Fred Goldring, Jim Goodwin, David Gorman, Karl Gotthardt, Ed and Kim Haines, Ron Hamilton, Lloyd Holden, John Jackson, Bob Hidson, Ken Jobin, Wayne Johnston, Stan Kellington, Tim Kenny, John and Shirley Kolanchey, Oscar Lacombe, Jim Leddy, Mike and Elsie Latoski, Troy and Trish MacInnis, Brian Magas, Dan Magnan, Earl Mansfield, Darrel Marsh, Dan Masson, Don McBride, Earl McCutcheon, Neil and Ida McKerracher, Monty Moncrief, Harry Moore, Ed Morley, Pat Monro (her father was as Original!), Ken Nette, Otto Pieche, Len and Gladys Poirier, Joe Pollock, Maurice and Karen Polowick, Peter Radostiis, Bert and Carolyn Reed, Kris Reynolds, Paul and Donna Robison, Bob and Marion Harris, Lyle and Joyce Saumer, Fred Schweick, Larry Schwenneker, Vern Shave, Bill and Maggy Shybunka, John Slater, GB Smith, Bob and Connie Storrier, Bill Sutherland, Bill Thiele, Una Travis, Sam and Margaret Van Gunst, Rico Von Gernet, Ted and Jacqueline Walton, Frank Whitford, Brian Wood and Stan Woodcock.



It has been an extremely busy year for our club, the highlight being, without question Lady Patricia's visit to our Piklee Post on 20 March 2007. This was fully covered in our April 2007 issue of the *Piklee Post*. This was followed up by the 60th Anniversary of the PPCLI Association reunion in Calgary, which was well carried out, in the main; I understand a total of 406 Patricias registered for this family gathering.



Dave, Judy and Joey

The agenda was a bit too tight to pre-arrange our usual club "welcome to" or "farewell to" lunch, breakfast or coffee break for our attending members, which we have done in all past Regimental reunions. I managed to put something together on arrival. On liaising with our Regimental Adjutant, Capt Rob McConechy and the aide to Lady Patricia and our new Colonel-in Chief, Major Mason Stalker we were fortunate enough to arrange a breakfast with both Lady Patricia and Madame Adrienne Clarkson and her husband John Ralston Saul with eight of our members on the Saturday, followed by a prepared

Erika, Lady Patricia and Linda



Breakfast with Lady Patricia, Moose and Ray Ellis

lunch buffet with Lady Patricia and our Colonel of the Regiment Larry Gollner and Christine on the Sunday prior to departure. At this luncheon Linda Hansen presented Lady Patricia with a Club photo album of her March visit to the Piklee Post, 68 members and guests attended the lunch, one and all so happy to see and talk to Lady Patricia once again. A number of photos will reflect this in this issue.

All together, as mentioned, the 60th went well, I once again ran into old friends and comrades who I had not seen for years, this, to me this is always the icing on the cake. The Club was well represented with 100 plus members attending.



2701 (WINNIPEG) PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY CADET CORPS

2007 was a productive and successful year for 2701 PPCLI. The first quarter 2007 saw two of the unit's senior cadets, c/Sgt Isaa Kabore and c/Sgt Chris Jackson successfully complete their National Star Certification Exams. In February, the unit took part in its annual winter indoctrination exercise at Birds Hill Provincial Park. In May, the unit conducted a four-day adventure training exercise at



Italy Expedition c/CWO Andrew Greeley is Front Row, 4th from the left

CFB Shilo. June 2007 was the unit's Annual Ceremonial Review, with LCol Mike Gagne, Chief of Staff – 38 Brigade here in Winnipeg. The unit also said goodbye to two of its senior cadets - c/WO Amanda Burton and c/CWO Joel Gagné who enrolled in Canadian Forces (CF) Reserve Officers Training Programme (ROTP) program. The summer saw two of our cadets distinguished - c/MCpl Dallas Buhr receiving the ANAVET Medal as the top Cadet Leader Instructor candidate in Whitehorse, YT and c/MCpl Mackenzie Leslie being named the top marksman on the Cadet Leader Instructor course in Vernon, BC. This fall two of our cadets were selected to participate in expeditions - c/Sgt C. Jackson participated in the Seven Summits Domestic Expedition to BC, while c/CWO Andrew Greeley participated the International Cadet Expedition in the Dolomite region of Italy. c/CWO Greeley also earned his Master Cadet appointment this year, which he received in December 2007. c/CWO Greeley has recently enrolled as a soldier in the CF and is now headed off to the Canadian Forces Leadership & Recruit School in (CFLRS) St-Jean on 13 January 2008 to commence his training. We wish him all the best. Remembrance Day saw the unit parade alongside the PPCLI Association Manitoba/ NW Ontario Branch and serving soldiers at All Saints Anglican Church. 2007 also saw the unit distinguish itself, receiving the Commanding Officer's Certificate of Achievement and the Thompson Memorial Trophy for the top major Army Cadet Corps over 40 in Manitoba & North West Ontario.



c/MCpl Mackenzie Leslie Recieving Award



553 (SERGEANT TOMMY PRINCE MM) ARMY CADET CORPS

The Sergeant Tommy Prince, MM, Army Cadet Corps is affiliated with 2 PPCLI. The Corps had a very successful year under the command of Capt. R. Lacoursiere. On 6 October 2006, a composite team lead by Cadet Warrant Officer Horvath, Cadet Sgt Williams and Sgt Hall, and three cadets from another local unit attended the Wilderness Challenge 2006 near Grand Cache, Alberta. They completed the 25 mile event. During 5 – 11 December 2006, the Corps took advantage of an exchange program and 20 Cadets travelled to Esquimalt, BC. The year's first Exercise FROZEN POND was held at St. Charles Range on 5 – 7 January 2007. Training took place in the construction of improvised shelters, snowshoeing, bushcraft and night navigation as the first winter storm blew into Winnipeg. Cadet Sgts Hall and Williams both qualified at the National Start Certification Examination by the end of winter.

Sergeant Tommy Prince MM Army Cadets Flag Party was requested by the Woman's World Hockey Championships to serve as Flag bearers for the winning teams during the play-offs and Medal rounds. The Championships were held on 8 – 10 April at the Manitoba Telecom Services Center arena and viewed by millions worldwide. The final training Exercise WILD BOAR took place at Caddy Lake in the Whiteshell on 4 – 6 May. Canoeing was cancelled due to lake ice; however, it was replaced with a half-day hike of the south end of the Mantario trail. Upon return to the bivouac area, a minority of participants (Officers) required a siesta to recover from hard-earned aches and pains, and to dry out their boots.

Annual Inspection was held at the on 6 June and preparation commenced for Course and Staff Cadets going to Vernon and Rocky Mountain Training Centers. With the "aging out" of Regimental Sergeant Major / Cadet Chief Warrant Officer Zurbyk prior to the summer, Sgt. Hall was promoted, appointed to Regimental Sergeant Major and steadily rose to Chief Warrant Officer by 14 December 2007. Outgoing Chief Warrant Officer Zurbyk had been doing double duty with the Reserves in an Engineering Platoon at McGregor Armoury.

The first exercise of the season was held Thanksgiving Weekend in conjunction with 2701 (Winnipeg) PPCLI RCACC on 5 – 7 October at Birds Hill Park. Simultaneously, Cadet Master Warrant Officer Hall and Cadet Sgt T. Titley-Stanzel supervised a composite team including cadets from 2701 representing the Winnipeg Detachment area at the Wilderness Challenge 07 in Alberta, on a new untested location. The Corps participated at FAL-CON on 19 - 21 October at Minto Armoury along with several hundred other Cadets from various Corps in the Detachment area. The 553 Flag Party was again called upon for Aboriginal Veterans Day and the Veterans Pow-Wow on 8 November in Winnipeg. The Corps also paraded at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies on 11 November at McGregor Armoury.

Two Silver Achievement Awards were attained through the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Program, with current and former Cadets are awaiting a Gold Certificate Ceremony. The Cadet Corps celebrated its Christmas Dinner on 14 December sponsored by and held at the Army Navy and Air Force Veterans Unit # 1 in Winnipeg.

The Officers and Staff continue to instill self-discipline, confidence and are self-reliance to the cadets of the 553 Sergeant Tommy Prince, MM, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.

Lt Glen Spryszak
Training Officer
553 RCACC
Sergeant Tommy Prince, MM, Army Cadet Corps

Last Post



Those whom this list commemorates served King & Queen, Country & Regiment. At duty's strident call they left all that was dear to them, enduring hardness, and faced danger so that others might live in peace and freedom. Not all soldiers die in battle or glory, but they too served the Regiment. Let those who come after see to it that their names are not forgotten.

NAME	SERVICE	DATE	LOCATION
Marty (Killer) Kowalski	Regular	7 January 2007	
George W Illsley	Korea, Regular	11 January 2007	St Laurent, MB
Paul Morley Rutherford	Korea, Regular	20 January 2007	Calgary, AB
William Edward (Roy) Bruce	Regular	25 January 2007	Ottawa, ON
Elmer Haskill	Korea	25 January 2007	Bakersfield, CA
Raymond (Sam) M. Sanregret	WW II, Korea, Regular	30 January 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Harvey Beardmore	WW II	10 February 2007	St Jarome, PQ
Carl Alexander Sutyla	WW II	13 February 2007	Winnipeg, MB
William EJ Hutchinson	Regular	21 February 2007	Victoria, BC
Lionel William (Bill) Swift	WW II, Regular	21 February 2007	Vancouver BC
James Milo Stoley	WW II, Regular	2 March 2007	Calgary, AB
Joseph Mandziuk	WW II	3 March 2007	St, Paul, MB
William Arnold O'Brien	WW II, Korea	5 March 2007	Barrie, ON
Donald George Denslow	Regular	8 March 2007	Victoria, BC
James Alan Heywood	Regular	10 March 2007	Winnipeg, MB
William Gillespie Riddell	WW II	10 March 2007	Vancouver, BC
Frederick Robert Litster	WW II	12 March 2007	Saanich, BC
George Edgar Gerhart	Regular	12 March 2007	Edmonton, AB
Owen Sinclair Lauder Moore	WW II, Regular	13 March 2007	Victoria, BC
George Harvey Machan	Regular	15 March 2007	Calgary, AB
Clifford P McPherson	PF, WW II, Regular	25 March 2007	Halifax, NS
Kurt Konrad Schwaiger	Regular	27 March 2007	Calgary, AB
Roderick Morrison Middleton	Korea, Regular	28 March 2007	Calgary, AB
Thomas W Edwards	WW II	2 April 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Brian E Westrup	Regular	5 April 2007	Campobello, NB
Walter Biener	WW II	6 April 2007	
Donald Bain (Sam) Urquhart	Korea, Regular	6 April 2007	Richmond, BC
Harry McNamara	WW II, Korea	13 April 2007	Ottawa, ON
Arthur Bryan Joseph Brown	Regular	13 April 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Norman Curtis	Korea, Regular	19 April 2007	Harrowsmith, ON
Walter Dawydiuk	Korea	22 April 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Charles Harvey Stewart	Regular	27 April 2007	Regina, SK
James William Humphrey	Korea	1 May 2007	Lepreau, NB
Arthur Admiral Miller	Regular	2 May 2007	London, ON
Borys Dmitri Boyko	WW II	11 May 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Robert John Huggard	Regular	16 May 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Donald Glassner	Regular	17 May 2007	Ottawa, ON
Carl William 'Tiny' Beacon	WW II, Korea, Regular	17 May 2007	Langley, BC
Dave Mailhot	Regular	21 May 2007	Belleville, ON
John (Jack) Edward Taylor	Korea, Regular	26 May 2007	Calgary, AB
Joseph Wolfgang Maier	Korea, Regular,	29 May 2007	Brandon, MB
Michael George Levy	WW II, Korea, Regular	4 June 2007	Vancouver, BC
Henri Gerard Vandale	Regular	4 June 2007	Selkirk, MB
Kenneth J Stewart	WW II, Regular	6 June 2007	Richmond, BC
Joseph Gordon Ternowetsky	Regular (2 PPCLI)	11 June 2007	Warnambool, Australia
Richard (Rick) John Reynolds	WW II, Regular	19 June 2007	Surrey, BC



NAME	SERVICE	DATE	LOCATION
Stephen Frederick Bouzane	Regular (3 PPCLI)	20 June 2007	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Christos Karigiannis	Regular (3 PPCLI)	20 June 2007	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Joel Vincent Wiebe	Regular (3 PPCLI)	20 June 2007	Kandahar, Afghanistan
George S. Debney	Regular	23 June 2007	
Edward Iftody	Regular (1 PPCLI)	24 June 2007	Vegreville, AB
John Richard Linville	Korea, Regular	25 June 2007	Westlock, AB
Kenneth Itsuo Sato	Regular	25 June 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Bob Dumont	Regular	2 July 2007	Saskatoon, SK
Jordan James Anderson	Regular (3 PPCLI)	4 July 2007	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Cole Daniel Bartsch	Regular (3 PPCLI)	4 July 2007	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Colin Stuart Francis Bason	R Westmr R, C Coy, (3 PPCLI)	4 July 2007	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Matthew Jonathan Dawe	Regular (3 PPCLI)	4 July 2007	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Jefferson Clifford Francis	Regular (1 RCHA)	4 July 2007	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Lane William Thomas Watkins	Regular (3 PPCLI)	4 July 2007	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Edmond Nightingale	WW II	4 July 2007	Steinbach, MB
Joe Thir	Regular	9 July 2007	Elk Point, AB
Kenneth M (Mac) Francis	Regular	12 July 2007	Victoria, BC
Louis Holten	PF, WW II, Regular	12 July 2007	Calgary, AB
John A Gibson	WW II, Korea, Regular	13 July 2007	Bowmanville, ON
Henry A. Roderick (Rod) Wiseman	Regular	22 July 2007	Courtenay, BC
Joseph C Dumas		26 July 2007	Prince Rupert, BC
William Joseph Cambell	WW II, Korea, Regular	31 July 2007	Calgary, AB
James Chalmers Allan	WW II, Korea, Regular	5 August 2007	Chemainus, BC
Floyd McLaughlin	WW II, Korea,	9 August 2007	Fort Erie, ON
Lawrence (Larry) E. Todd	WW II	12 August 2007	Calgary, AB
John Brian (Boots) McDonald	Regular	14 August 2007	Fort Saskatchewan, AB
Norman Lloyd Topham	WW II, Korea, Regular	6 September 2007	Kamloops, BC
John Charles Bunker	WW II	11 September 2007	Victoria, BC
Charles Rodd (Charlie) Young	Korea	14 September 2007	Charlottetown, PEI
John William Poucher	Korea, Regular	20 September 2007	Esquimalt, BC
James Allan Mutlow	Regular	21 September 2007	St. Albert, AB
Hubert (Bert) Ernst Kux	Regular	21 September 2007	Victoria, BC
Henry Peter Lauzon	Korea, Regular	24 September 2007	Victoria, BC
Lous Harper (Walking Red Wolf)	Regular	30 September 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Herbert William Foresman	WW II, Korea	2 October 2007	Comox, BC
Lorne Hilton Pearce	PF, WW II	15 October 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Lorne F. Thomas	WW II	23 October 2007	N. Vancouver, BC
Ronald Rene Paquette		25 October 2007	Ottawa, ON
John (Jack) Lawrence Campbell	Korea	25 October 2007	McCreary, MB
Anthony Paul (Tony) Peigan	Korea	28 October 2007	St Buffalo First Nation, SK
Richard Ivan (Dick) Wood	Korea, Regular	30 October 2007	Calgary, AB
Donald Welsh Macleod	WW II	31 October 2007	Victoria, BC
Bob McNeil	Regular	10 November 2007	Victoria, BC
Donald John Bernicky	Regular	11 November 2007	Smiths Falls, ON
Alfred Dapper Alexander Park	WW II, Korea, Regular	18 November 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Barry Blake	Regular	23 November 2007	Black Diamond, AB
Lloyd Keith Rheubottom	Korea	25 November 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Robert (Bob) James Macaulay	Korea, Regular	26 November 2007	Surrey, BC
Alfred MacMillan	Korea, Regular	4 December 2007	Calgary, AB
Rene Stang	Regular	8 Dec 2007	Calgary, AB
Roy Thomas Bell	Regular	17 Dec 2007	Winnipeg, MB
Daniel Alan Brolly		31 December 2007	Winnipeg, MB

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